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Flag Respect

There are seven states that have not passed a resolution to protect the U.S. Flag from physical desecration ("Flag-Protection Campaign Steamrolls Ahead," Legion News, June).

I am a resident of the state of Oregon. Oregon does not have a Flag resolution. This upsets me! My husband was a Vietnam veteran and is buried in Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Ore. His and other deaths all represent "Old Glory," which is a symbol of God and Country. The Flag needs protection.

*Candie Luney
Milwaukie, Ore.*

Editor's note: Since that story, North Carolina became the 44th state to pass a memorializing resolution to protect the Flag. For more information, see Legion News, Page 34.

Three cheers for the state of Maryland for passing a memorializing resolution to protect the Flag from physical desecration!

*Joseph Pacifico
Smithtown, N.Y.*

The Flag of the United States of America is one of the most highly respected flags in the world.

The politicians have nice offices to work in but never think of the veterans who've returned from dirty duties in the service. I think of those in the Battle of the Bulge, who, in bitter cold and snow, honorably upheld the Flag throughout their ordeal.

Classes on proper etiquette for handling the Flag should be taught to everyone — from small children to the veterans themselves.

*Wapt Bassett
Wapato, Wash.*

Article Insulting

I really enjoy reading the magazine. It really keeps me up to date. I would like to see more things in the magazine about women veterans. I was really kind of insulted by James Brady's article, "No Job For a Woman" (May). I understand what he's saying, and I personally don't believe women should be on the com-

bat line. But you have to acknowledge that there are some jobs that women can do as well as men, if not better. I was a medic and there were things I could do that the men could not do.

*Barbara Black
Clarksville, Tenn.*

Star Stricken

I want to make one small correction to the June article, "Where Flag Day Was Born." The article mentions that a 39-star U.S. Flag existed in 1885. It is impossible to have a 39-star flag in 1885. The 20th flag was adopted in 1877, which had 38 stars, and the 21st flag was adopted in 1890 and had 43 stars. Just to keep the record straight.

*Arthur J. Lettieri
Westminster, Vt.*

New Medicine

In "New Rx for the '90s: Alternative Medicine" (April by Steve Salerno), you overlooked a new alternative that is sweeping the nation: bio-magnetic therapy. With an 85 percent to 90 percent success rate, it is helping with circulation problems, including

those in the legs, feet, back and neck. And it is helping to relieve some of the symptoms of arthritis, diabetes, multiple sclerosis and Parkinson's disease, among others.

*Reneé Appel
Fulda, Minn.*

Ageless Acceptance

I'm responding to Richard R. Baker of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, who wants to know where the young veterans are ("Heart of the Legion," Vetvoice, April).

The young Vietnam veterans, like myself, not only have love for our great country but are also very proud to be veterans. Many Vietnam veterans are discouraged from joining any veterans' organization because they have had to struggle for acceptance by the older veterans. It's time for all veterans, young and old, to come together and make all veterans' organizations strong for a better future for us all.

*David R. Morris
New Castle, Pa.*

Let's Clean Up!

Fellow Legionnaires, let us join together to clean at least one monument in our community prior to Memorial Day, and on that day, let us lay a wreath on it.

There are thousands of monuments across this great nation of ours — all of them built and dedicated to those who proudly served in our armed forces. This could be a great annual Post activity. Get the Boy Scouts to help or recruit local contractors to donate their time and skill when necessary.

*Henry W. Jackson
West Hurley, N.Y.*

Top GI Billing

Finally, after 44 years, I know who to thank for my college education under the GI Bill: The American Legion. I learned this only after reading ("The Writing of the GI Bill," by Ken Scharnberg, June).

I married shortly before World War II was over and did not have enough money to attend college, but the GI Bill enabled me to attend and gradu-

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ate. As a result of this education, I was later able to acquire my CPA certificate, which enabled me to earn a good living for my family.

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*Milton A. Braun
Dallas*

I turned to The American Legion when the VA ignored the problems I was having. It was men like Harry W. Colmery, Warren Atherton and John Stelle who laid the foundation for those of us who came into the VA system later. I owe The American Legion more than I can ever repay.

*Robert M. Bowen
Linthicum Heights, Md.*

Congress is more influenced by lobbyists than their constituents, their party line or the administration. It's time our 27 million military veterans remain unified. "The Writing of the GI Bill" rubs salt in old wounds among veterans' organizations. The article is timely, yet inflammatory, and can only result in more diversification among veterans' organizations. If we can't learn from our past experiences, what hope is there for our future? Let's remain partners with our VFW, DAV, VVA, PVA and MOPH comrades in representing all veterans' needs and issues. It's history now. Let it rest.

*Dennis E. Elliott
Canon City, Colo.*

I had the pleasure of practicing law with Harry W. Colmery for 15 years, up to the date of his death. He was an unusual individual and a great Legionnaire. In addition to "The Writing of the GI Bill," I want to add some facts about this man.

Following his work with the GI Bill, he was named special assistant to the U.S. High Commission to the Philippines in preparation and passage of the United States-Philippine Trade Act of 1945-46. He was appointed by Gen. "Hap" Arnold to serve on the Committee on Acceleration of the Air

Force; served as Deputy Executive Director and Chairman of the U.S. Smaller War Plants Corporation in 1942-43; was appointed by President Truman to the Loyalty Review Board.

Colmery also received the French Legion of Honor in 1936; Order of the Crown of Italy in 1936; Distinguished Service Medal, National Guard of Honor, Washington, D.C.; and Philippine Legion of Honor in 1961. And a little-known fact: Colmery contributed to the drafting of the constitution of the Philippines.

*Robert A. McClure
Topeka, Kan.*

USS Indianapolis

The article about the *USS Indianapolis* was very interesting ("Still At Sea," May). If people knew what those poor men, their families and the skipper went through, they would chip in to build the memorial. My heart goes out to all those people. I would love to send \$10 if you would tell me where to send it.

*Howard J. Donovan
Brooklyn, N.Y.*

Editor's note: For more information about the *USS Indianapolis* memorial, write to: USS Indianapolis Survivors Memorial Organization Inc., Heslar Naval Armory, 1802 W. 30th St., Indianapolis, IN 46206.

D-Day Addition

Sid Moody's article "The Longest Day" (June) should have included the 4th Infantry Division that landed on Utah Beach with great success on D-Day. Moody should be more thorough with his stories.

*John K. Lester
Stone Ridge, N.Y.*

COLAs Compared

I agree that the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1993 is unfair because it places the burden on the military and federal retirees — those who worked for this great country ("Unfair COLA Delays," Veterans Update, June). I object to the comparison of the difference between the military retirees and

the federal retirees. I am, also in a sense, a military retiree because I had my World War II service time added to my civil service time for retirement purposes. Retiree COLA delays should be compared to Social Security delays. There were no Social Security delays.

*Larry Kiel
Appleton, Wis.*

Praise For April

I congratulate you on the April issue. The articles "Third World America" and "Politically Correct or Else" were very timely and well put together. They were of the quality of the newsmagazines I usually get.

*Joseph DeClue
Jefferson City, Mo.*

Coast Guard Tribute

As a U.S. Coast Guard veteran of World War II, I am grateful for your article, "On the Attack" (June). Very little was written about the Coast Guard in World War II, and I'm sure all Coast Guard veterans appreciated it very much.

*Edward P. Juzwinski
Las Vegas*

Thanks For Visit

On April 9, 1994, I had the honor of meeting National Commander Bruce Thiesen during his visit in Worcester, Mass. I would like to thank him as well as other Legion members for taking the time out of their busy schedule to tour our shelter. As a 14-year member of The American Legion Post 342 in Worcester, it was an honor and my pleasure to have met Thiesen.

*Raymond M. Kelley Jr.
President
Central Massachusetts Shelter
for Homeless Veterans
Worcester, Mass.*

Credit Line

The "Swept Up in Business" joke in the April issue is a rehashing of a story called "The Verger" by W. Somerset Maugham. I think that should be acknowledged.

*Frank Johnston
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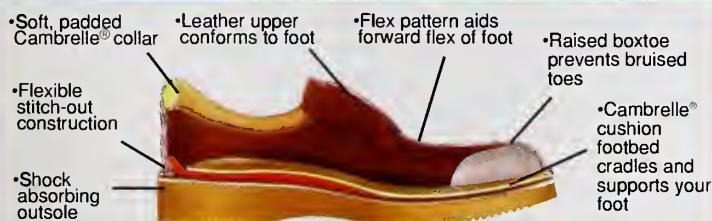


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The American Legion battled for Agent Orange victims in the 1970s, when their cause was not given much attention. And Legionnaires continued the struggle into the '80s and '90s by contacting their congressmen and senators and demanding help for Vietnam veterans who have cancer because of exposure to Agent Orange. There was some success in linking the chemical with cancer and birth defects, but it was too late for many veterans who had suffered and died without compensation or proper treatment during the debate.

Never again, many hoped, would the U.S. government be so insensitive to the realities of war. Never again would veterans be forced to fight a war-related illness without VA treatment and disability compensation.

But the legacy of Agent Orange reappeared when thousands of Gulf War veterans reported mysterious illnesses and were told it was merely "stress." Three years went by and the numbers of ill Gulf War veterans grew to more than 20,000, with complaints ranging from fatigue to debilitating breakdowns of the body's immunity to disease. Today, the Legion is working to make sure Gulf War illness victims are given immediate VA medical care and service-connected disability compensation.

VA Secretary Jesse Brown has publicly supported legislation that would give Gulf War veterans disability com-



Nat'l. Cmdr. Bruce Thiesen

pensation even though the specific cause of their condition is unknown. (See Veterans Update, Page 32.)

The lessons of Agent Orange and the Gulf War illnesses are about the realities of combat. When America goes to war, some veterans will return home with severe injuries and illnesses that require special medical care. Congress has given VA the authority to provide care to ill Gulf War veterans, but VA must still find a way to cure these veterans. America must act now to help Gulf War veterans and not wait to react to a scandal.

From Agent Orange-related cancers to Gulf War illnesses, unexplained medical problems among GIs should be expected. Even before the Gulf War, the Legion urged the federal government to develop contingency plans for unexpected medical problems and diseases that GIs might encounter.

The Pentagon plans for both invasions and air strikes. But it doesn't seem to plan for all the consequences of war — especially illness.

Whether it's burning oil fires, chemical or biological warfare attacks, or

vaccines that were supposed to keep our troops well, we don't know. But we know many of our Gulf War veterans are ill and we must see that VA treats them now, not later. They cannot put their illnesses on hold.

VA should not be allowed to delay their treatment, and should pay them for their disability while it tries to find out the cause of their illnesses.

This is my last Commander's Message and, in many cases, my final opportunity to say thank you to you, my fellow Legionnaires. You make everything The American Legion does happen. You volunteer your time and make your communities better places to live. You speak out for veterans, for a strong national defense and for children.

As your National Commander, I have traveled across the country and have seen the good work that you do. And as you ready yourself for our National Convention in Minneapolis, Sept. 2 to 8, I ask that you continue to help the Legion on some very important campaigns:

Protecting the U.S. Flag. The Legion's campaign to amend the U.S. Constitution — to allow Congress and the states to enact legislation that would protect the U.S. Flag from physical desecration — has won the support of 44 states representing 94 percent of the U.S. population. If you want to help with our campaign to protect the flag, contact your Department or watch for more information in future issues of **THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE**.

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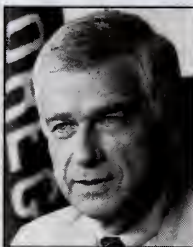
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SHOULD CONGRESS END THE SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM?

Sen. Mark O. Hatfield (R-Oregon)

As the U.S. military continues the painful process of downsizing, the Selective Service System should be eliminated. Since 1980, we have thrown away millions of dollars on the program. This year alone, we will spend \$25 million. Imagine the number of applications for college loans, farmers assistance or veterans benefits that have been turned down in that period. Clearly this money could have been better spent.

YES



My opposition to the Selective Service runs deeper than money. Having served as a naval officer during World War II, I understand that no one dreads war more than a soldier. I have defended since that time the right of sincere conscientious objectors to receive exemptions from military service.

Having a Selective Service does not deter outside aggression. The deterrent is an extremely well-trained active duty force and reserve troops who have demonstrated the superiority of American fighting forces to the world.

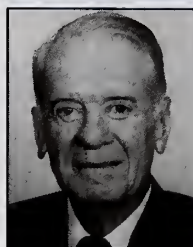
The Defense Department itself has asserted that abolishing Selective Service poses no threat to our national security. In a report to the Senate on Feb. 18, Defense Secretary William Perry concluded that "suspending peacetime registration could be accomplished with limited risk to national security, considering the low probability of the need for conscription."

I have great confidence in the American people and their commitment to the security of this nation. Over 300,000 men volunteered for service after Pearl Harbor was bombed. I have no doubt that such a response would occur again if the need arose. Draft registration is a symbol not a tool. When President Carter reinstated draft registration in 1980, he made clear that the move was a symbolic warning to the Soviet Union. Symbolism, however, does not equal strength.

Ironically, this symbol of our readiness to fight for the cause of freedom is this country's most deplorable blow to the liberty of our citizens.

Compulsory military service violates the right of conscience of those opposed religiously or morally to war. The right to uphold this belief should be respected unquestionably. We must guard against mimicking the same suppression of individual liberties that rallies us to war. Selective Service is an affront to individual liberties and a ridiculous waste of taxpayer dollars. ☐

Rep. G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery (D-Mississippi)



NO

Last year, the House of Representatives narrowly voted to kill \$24 million in funding for the Selective Service System, leaving only enough money to close down the agency. The Senate didn't go along, and we reversed the action on final consideration in the House. Opponents will likely try again

this year to defund Selective Service. That would be a mistake. We need to keep this program running as an inexpensive insurance policy in the event of a national emergency.

For less than the cost of one F-16 aircraft, the Selective Service System can put men into uniform in 13 days if we faced a major crisis. It also can mobilize key health-care personnel in short order. That's important because in a full-scale conflict, we would need all the medical personnel we can find to treat casualties. Selective Service has the resources to call up doctors, nurses and other health professionals within 42 days.

There is no military draft today and I don't support one. The all-volunteer force has worked well. Our active duty personnel, combined with the National Guard and Reserve, performed superbly in the Persian Gulf War. But I believe that if the war had lasted another six months and we had suffered high casualties, we might have had to consider a draft mobilization.

If we close down the Selective Service, it would take a minimum of a year to start over from scratch, including rebuilding a local draft structure and reassembling the computer data base of names it has today.

If war broke out in Korea, for example, the U.S. military would be involved from day one. We need the Selective Service to make sure our forces can be provided reinforcements and adequate medical treatment. Korea is only one of many possible flashpoints around the world today.

Can we afford to give up the proven capability of the Selective Service System in the face of this uncertainty?

Registration is quick and easy, and the compliance rate has always been around 98 percent or higher. Young Americans have willingly taken this small step as a patriotic duty.

We hope that crisis never comes, but it is in the national security interest of the United States of America to be prepared. Keeping the Selective Service System provides that safeguard. ☐

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Tax-Funded Hate?

Revelations that tax dollars have been funneled to organizations associated with Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam have ignited racial and religious tensions in Congress.

Faced with a growing uproar, Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros is expected to announce a review of the grants to the Muslim group.

The money, estimated at up to \$15 million, is authorized by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and dispensed by local governments for security services at public housing projects in Baltimore, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Chicago and Washington, D.C.

New York Rep. Peter King introduced a bill cutting off the money, saying profits from the contracts "are used to finance the Nation of Islam's empire of hate" against Jews, Catholics and others. But no members of the Congressional Black Caucus have signed on as co-sponsors, and a spokesman for the Nation of Islam denounced King in strident terms, calling him a "poster boy for the Jewish lobby."

Some funds are provided to New Life, Inc., a company owned by Leonard Muhammad, who is also the chief of staff for Farrakhan's Nation of Islam.

Muhammad asked black members of Congress to block the King bill on the grounds that it constitutes anti-religious discrimination.

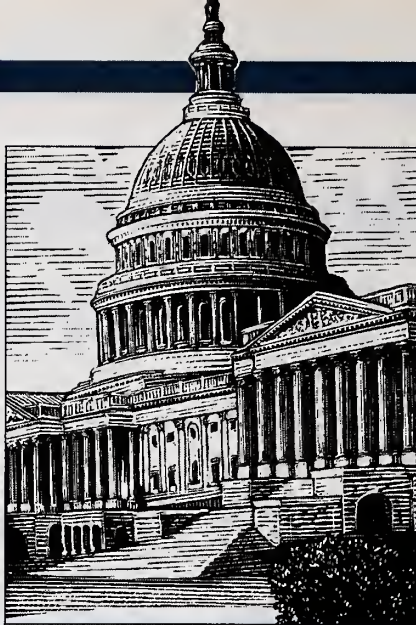
The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) also objects to the legislation. But King insists that it was drawn to ensure compliance with the first amendment, adding, "While there is a constitutional right to free speech, there is no constitutional right to a federal hate subsidy."

ROTC Gays

Congress is grappling with a loophole in the law that critics say invites gays to seek a free, government-paid education through ROTC.

Although the new gay policy hammered out by Congress and the Clinton administration prohibits avowed homosexuals from serving in the military, new recruits — including those applying for ROTC scholarships — are not

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WASHINGTON WATCH

By Cliff Kincaid

being asked about their sexual orientation. As a result, argues retired Army Lt. Col. Robert Maginnis, gays can enjoy a four-year, \$40,000-plus ROTC scholarship and then go public and leave the service. Since the recruits are not asked about their sexual orientation, he adds, the Pentagon will not be able to prove fraud and force the individual to repay the government. The stakes are enormous: 70,000 participants go through ROTC annually. The Pentagon also has educational assistance programs for lawyers, doctors, dentists and engineers.

Economic Recovery?

Laid-off defense industry workers are not finding good jobs in the economic recovery, and Washington is divided over what to do.

A report from the National Commission for Economic Conversion and Disarmament (ECD) found 164,000 defense industry layoffs in 1993 — most of them high-wage, high-skilled manufacturing jobs. But the economic recovery is producing mostly lower-paying service jobs in retail trade, business services, health care and amusement parks.

Massachusetts Rep. Martin T. Meehan, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, faults the defense

companies, saying they lack "imagination and enterprise" in converting to civilian markets. He calls it "conversion aversion."

The labor-backed ECD, whose board includes House Armed Services Committee Chairman Rep. Ron Dellums of California, advocates more federal spending in the form of worker retaining programs, community assistance and public investment. This would be on top of the \$20 billion already budgeted for defense conversion.

But others contend that military downsizing has occurred too fast, that defense reductions have to be halted and that cuts in the capital gains tax are the only way to stimulate the economy and produce more high-paying jobs in manufacturing.

Disaster Aid Disaster

Widespread waste, fraud and abuse in federal disaster relief for victims of the Los Angeles earthquake have been uncovered.

Among the problems, according to *Investor's Business Daily*, are: hundreds of housing checks were sent to "victims" whose homes were livable; thousands signed up for food stamps for which they were not entitled; and evidence has been uncovered that large amounts of federal aid were funneled to certain congressional districts for political reasons.

KGB Connections

A new book by a former high-ranking KGB officer may prompt new hearings to investigate congressional contacts with the old Soviet intelligence agency.

Titled, *The First Directorate: My 32 Years in Intelligence and Espionage Against the West*, the book by Maj. Gen. Oleg Kalugin claims the KGB bugged the U.S. House of Representatives and tried to recruit a senator's aide.

The names of the senator and the aide were not listed in the book. A controversy has developed over whether Kalugin would be allowed to use the book to name current and former members of Congress he considered friendly to Soviet interests.

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JOHN E. SIMON

The Legion's commitment to veterans' employment ranges from Post job fairs to a national program that trains construction workers.

LAST YEAR, former Postmaster Anthony Frank told *ABC World News Tonight* that veterans were responsible for the rash of killings that were plaguing America's post offices. "There are people there [in the post offices] that are mentally unstable who've been taught to kill," he told the nation.

The American Legion was both shocked and angry that Frank would stereotype all veterans in such a defamatory manner. "How can the nearly

500,000 GIs being discharged because of the military downsizing expect to find work, if the former head one of the nation's largest employers — The U.S. Postal Service — labels them as potentially violent employees with a penchant for killing?" National Commander Bruce Thiesen asked.

Thiesen denounced Frank's comments in letters to ABC and members of Congress. "We will never allow military service to be used against the patriotic Americans who answer the call to duty," Thiesen said.

The quarrel with Frank was just one of hundreds of battles the Legion has waged during the past 75 years to ensure that GIs returning home would be given a fair shot at finding jobs. Scores of Legion resolutions have been the basis of congressional legislation to improve employment and training of America's veterans.

Among current struggles with Congress, the Legion is opposing any action that would discontinue the Veterans

Employment and Training Service (VETS). If the VETS program ended, it would also end Local Veteran Employment Representatives (LVER) and Disabled Veteran Outreach Programs (DVOP). The Legion has battled to retain the LVER and DVOP programs because they place veterans' employment specialists at local state employment agencies and Veteran Outreach Centers. "Placement experts like LVERs and DVOPs are vital for integrating veterans into the work force," says Thiesen.

Another Legion mandate (Res. 39) calls for the government to expand the Veterans' Preference program. Through the years, The American Legion has monitored the government's performance in veterans' preference, which gives veterans priority in certain federal jobs. Veterans' preference was an integral part of the original GI Bill drafted by the Legion in 1944.

The GI Bill allowed tens of thousands of veterans to receive educations that led to better jobs. The Legion is still actively supporting this concept. Today the Legion is leading the way in demanding a new improved GI Bill for veterans. While WWII veterans were able to cover nearly 100 percent of their college costs using the original GI Bill, veterans using today's Montgomery GI Bill receive less than half the average college tuition.

While many GIs seek higher education when they leave the service, others simply want to find jobs and raise families. To help these veterans, the Legion has testified repeatedly in Congress in support of the Servicemember Occupational Conversion Training Act (SMOCTA). The program offers training to GIs with military job skills that are not readily transferable into the civilian workplace.

The Legion's support of veterans employment, however, is not limited to government programs. This year, Jim Hubbard, director of the Legion's Economic Division, met with representatives from the seven regional Bell holding companies in Indianapolis. The meeting was held because proposed changes in existing laws would allow regional Bell companies to compete for long distance and cable services, and electronic manufacturing. This could

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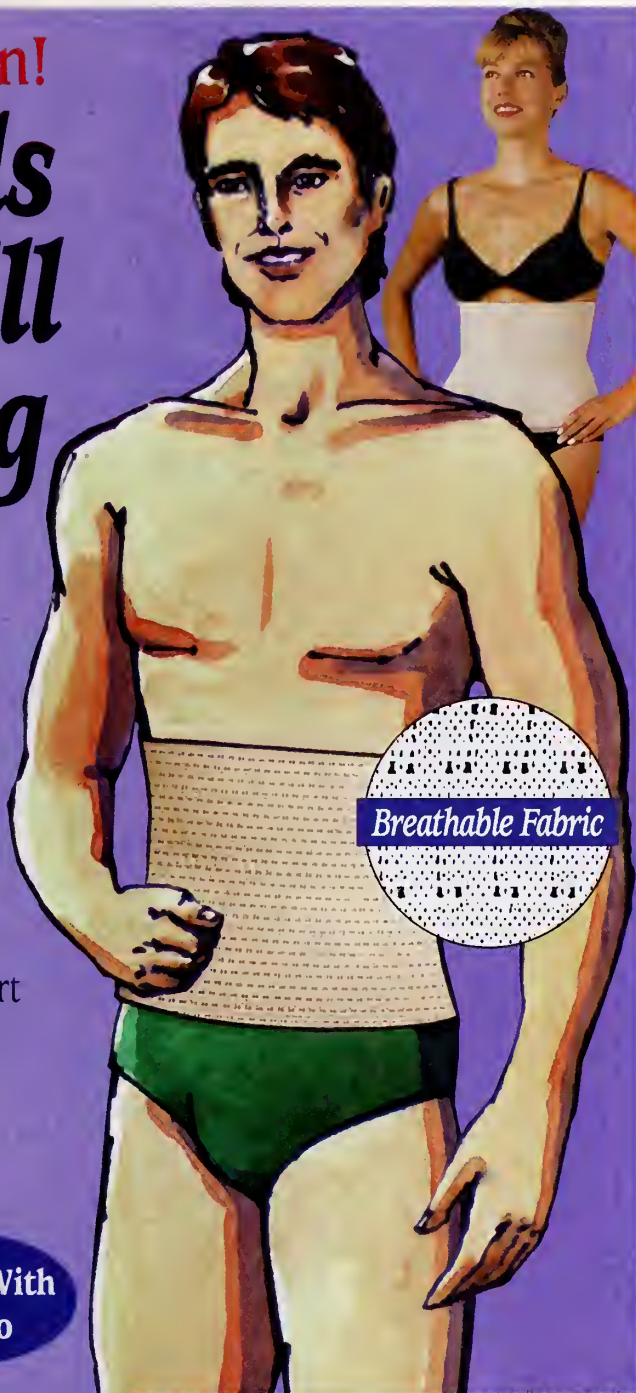
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The Pentagon and the CIA are giving scientists access to classified systems for research. But at what price to national security?

By Jay Stuller

It is 1998, and a North Korean submarine prowls the Pacific, maneuvering at ever-changing depths where pressure and temperature create "shadows" that mask the sound of its engines. A hundred miles from North America, Korean divers leave the sub. They find a cable on the sea floor, part of a defense listening system, and cut it. The sub is now ready to strike at a long-time adversary.

It surfaces and fires several cruise missiles made of stealth materials. Precision-guided, they rocket toward targets chosen from satellite photographs. The missiles won't miss. The targeting photos are so clear that they show the door to the control room of a California nuclear reactor; the rooftop vent of a Nevada military command center; and the flight line at the nearest Navy base.

The North Koreans are bemused at the mission's ease. After all, they'd figured out the undersea shadows and located the cable through papers published by American environmental scientists and got the photos through technology sold by American business.

IS THIS futuristic scenario a far-fetched voyage into the realm of paranoia? Perhaps.

However, significant changes in the way the U.S. government and America's scientific establishment do business have

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made such a surprise attack an increasing possibility.

In a remarkable shift in policy, the Pentagon and the nation's intelligence agencies are beginning to give civilian scientists access to what were once some of America's most closely guarded defense technologies.

What's more, the Clinton administration announced in March that it would allow American companies to sell sophisticated satellite technology — comparable to the best spy equipment in existence — for profit on the international market.

This relaxing of security is in response to several major political developments. It started with the breakup of the Soviet Union, the end of the Cold War and the perception that the nation no longer faces a global enemy.

In turn, there's a growing belief among congressmen, the administration and policy experts that a weak economy and a decline in environmental quality have evolved into the greatest threats to America's well-being.

Finally, the Pentagon — facing "peace dividend" budget cuts — must find new uses for its technologies, or watch them wither and die from lack of tax dollars.

The result: Some of America's best kept secrets are for sale.

To be sure, there are reasonable arguments for using defense and intelligence data for science. Spy satellite photos taken over several decades could reveal changes in the earth's vegetation, rain and snowfall patterns, which could prove whether pollution and logging are harming the environment. Also, atmospheric samples collected by spy planes might give clues to how and why the atmosphere's ozone layer appears to be thinning.

Scientists hope to examine the Navy's detailed records of the ocean's subsurface temperatures, the chemical composition of water and changes in the thickness of ice packs. These could provide evidence on whether we really do have global warming.

A limited number of

researchers already have access to the Navy's Underwater Sound Surveillance System (Sosus), a vast network of undersea hydrophones connected to shore stations, enabling watchdogs to hear the quietest of submarines. Some scientists are using Sosus to track whales, while others listen for undersea earthquakes and volcanoes — research that may one day help geologists predict quakes and eruptions on land.

The Pentagon and intelligence agencies currently are reviewing the work to ensure that critical secrets are not accidentally leaked when scientists publish their research papers. Yet, one question has not received much attention by the American people. Are the benefits worth the risk to national security?

"Ah, what a quaint worry," says Angelo Codevilla, a senior research fellow at the Hoover Institution, with sarcasm in his voice.

"It's my feeling that the defense of the U.S. simply is not being taken seriously anywhere, least of all by the military," he says. "They think history ended with the breakup of the Soviet Union. The dominant view of the high



SEA STUDIES— Scientists used a secret Navy submarine-detection system to track whales (above). The Navy also let scientists go aboard a nuclear attack submarine to study the Arctic ice cap (right).



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command is that we'll never again have to fight an extensive war, and that future conflicts will all be as easy as Grenada, Panama or Iraq. But large threats can rise quickly. Just remember how fast Germany recovered after World War I."

Then again, it may not take an adversary like a Germany or a Soviet Union to create trouble, says former CIA Director Robert M. Gates. "It's a fact that Warsaw Pact technology is ultimately going to wind up in the hands of a variety of Third World nations," he says.

"These are superpower weapons, including precision-guided missiles,

contributing to several areas of peaceful research. The Sosus network has long been one of the U.S. Navy's better-kept secrets. By listening to the distinctive sound waves that come from engines and propellers, technicians can track one of the greatest threats to national security — Soviet subs with nuclear missiles lurking off the American coast. But much about the \$15 billion Sosus system — in particular the location of its hydrophone arrays — is still classified.

However, in June 1993, a team of National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) scientists in Newport, Ore., were allowed to patch into Sosus and monitor oceanic noise. Within days, they heard a rumble that signaled the start of something big some 270 miles off the coast.

NOAA dispatched a ship to the site, and with a remote-controlled submarine, it filmed the eruption of an undersea volcano for the first time ever. The discovery of the "Coaxial Volcano" and recordings of undersea

and Ranging Channel. This is a layer of water that slows down and holds together even faint sounds, such as the cavitation noises from a propeller. It's a layer that Soviet sub drivers avoided. It's also where our Navy hides its hydrophone arrays.

The Navy has other information far superior to civilian data that researchers are studying — information on ocean temperatures, salinity and undersea currents that can contribute to a better understanding of the ocean environment. Such data can also reveal the location of "shadows" in which subs can hide from the sensitive ears of Sosus.

As intelligence experts are acutely aware, bits of information found here and there can add up. With enough parts of the puzzle it would be possible for a bad guy to "back out" some computations and pinpoint the location of a hydrophone array. The sabotage of a Sosus cable could render the Navy partially blind.

"This is why all the scientists we are working with are being so careful," says Dennis Conlon, chief oceanographer of the Integrated Undersea Surveillance System, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command.

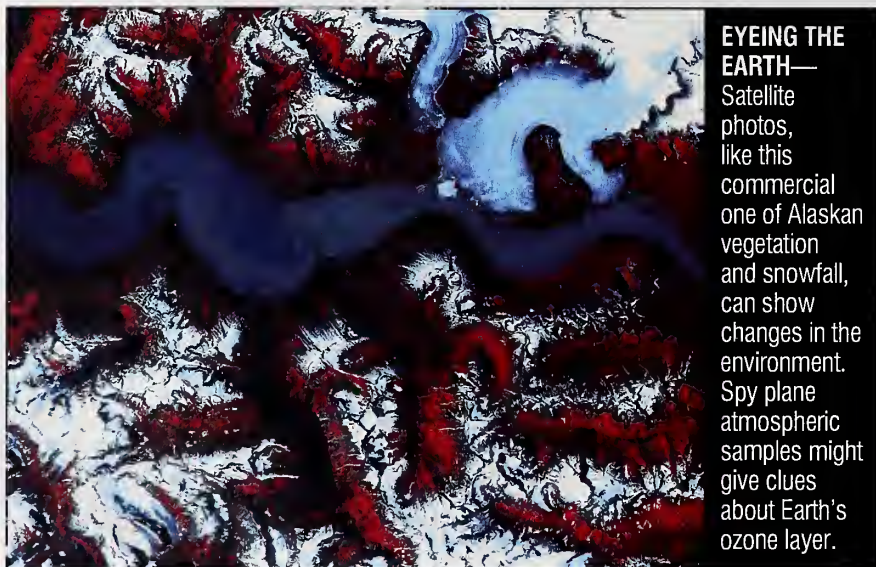
"They all have security clearances, and have agreed to avoid publishing precise information," he says. "There's enough fudging in the data to keep anyone from locating a hydrophone array. No scientist wants to make a mistake that leads to having every researcher shut off from using the system."

OK, but what about the release of America's "overhead" assets, the satellite photos that were so important to monitoring the activities of Warsaw Pact nations?

According to John Pike, head of space policy for the Washington, D.C.-based Federation of American Scientists, the United States has spent more than \$125 billion on spy satellites. He supports the declassification of old photos, figuring that if the archives could yield a billion dollars worth of research, "then it's worth doing."

Congress agrees. In 1990, it directed the Pentagon to evaluate the scientific value of the intelligence data in its archives. Two years later, then-Senator — and now Vice President — Al Gore urged the CIA to analyze its reconnaissance work for ecological applications. With orders from Presi-

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EYING THE EARTH— Satellite photos, like this commercial one of Alaskan vegetation and snowfall, can show changes in the environment. Spy plane atmospheric samples might give clues about Earth's ozone layer.

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thermal imaging technology, stealth technology and even submarines. The Irans, Iraqs and North Koreas of the world can buy these things. In the military and intelligence bureaucracy, people are aware and concerned. At the policy and political level, it's not now an issue."

The weapons are only part of the threat. They can become more dangerous when combined with critical information and technologies on the verge of being leaked to rogue countries.

Take, for example, antisubmarine warfare technology, which is already

earthquakes are adding to an understanding of the geological forces that shape the planet.

On the other side of the continent, marine biologists from Cornell University's Bioacoustics Research Program have used Sosus to track the movement of whales, some of which have unique calls. Previous efforts to record whale songs were hit and miss, and usually of short duration.

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A WEEK after a heart attack and triple bypass surgery, a 65-year-old patient at the Brockton/West Roxbury VA Medical Center gasped for help and told Chaplain John A. Fassett that he couldn't breathe. With the speed of an emergency room physician, Fassett, 77, began administering the spiritual equivalent of bedside first aid — he prayed.

Other visitors to the fourth-floor cardiac ward of the rambling 180-bed hospital in a upscale section of Boston might not have recognized it as prayer. Fassett didn't drop to his knees, clasp his hands, or look toward heaven. He immediately tried to calm the patient down. But all the while his thoughts and meditation were directed toward God.

The patient had just returned from a hallway walk. "He'd been scared to death on the walk when his heart began racing," Fassett says. With three decades of visiting VA hospitals, Fassett knew the patient was not having a second heart attack because he was wired to electronic car-

A frequent contributor to this magazine, Gurney Williams III wrote "Plugging Kids Into Computers" in the June issue.

diac monitors that would alert the nurses.

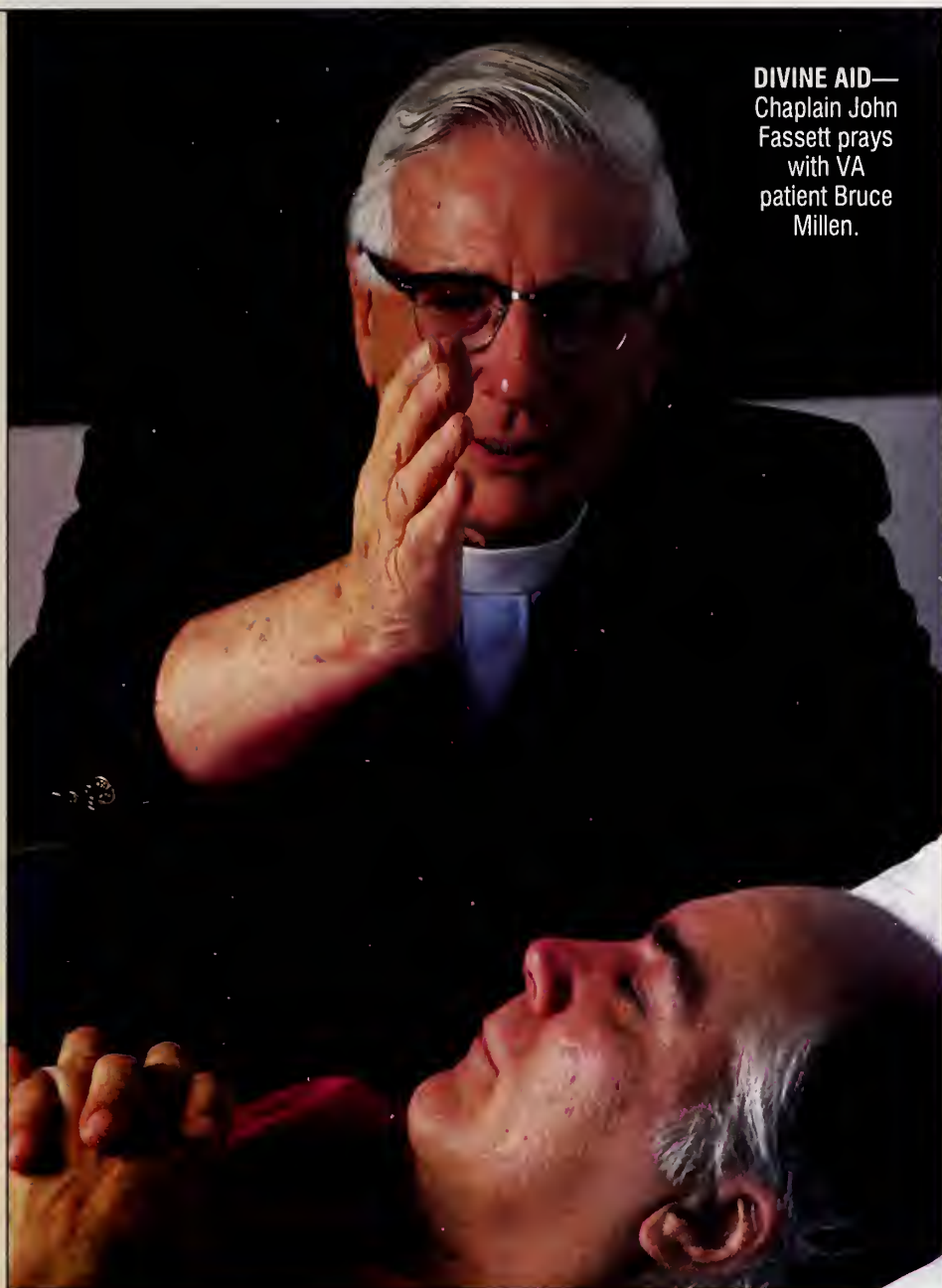
"I said, 'Let's slow things down a little bit.' I began by getting him to think that his toes were going to sleep, then his lower limbs, hips, abdomen, eyes, hands. Then I told him to take a deep breath on the count of three, and then exhale. He began breathing nor-

mally, and went to sleep in three minutes."

A minute later, a nurse arrived in response to the call button the man had been frantically pushing. "What happened?" she asked Fassett when she found the patient asleep. "We just did some praying," Fassett replied.

With America's annual medical bill

DIVINE AID—
 Chaplain John Fassett prays with VA patient Bruce Millen.



THE HEALING POWER OF PRAYER

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skyrocketing — an estimated \$998 billion in 1994 and \$1.5 trillion by 2000 — more and more Americans may also be praying they don't have to go near a hospital in the first place.

Scientific research over the past few years strongly suggests that asking for divine help while in the hospital isn't a bad idea either. One new study at the West Roxbury VA hospital shows that regular chaplain visits shorten the patient's average stay by one to two days on average, a potential annual savings of millions of dollars per hospital.

Other studies in recent years provide intriguing evidence that praying for other people can help, even when they don't know that someone is putting in a good word for them. Chaplains report that even younger Vietnam veterans, many of them turned off to religion during the war, have discovered a power that surprises them when they pray.

"You can find 130 scientific studies on the effects of prayer," says Dr. Larry Dossey, who served in Vietnam in 1970 with the 1/50th Mechanized Inf. Bn. "In more than half the studies, prayer does something remarkable under laboratory-controlled conditions."

Dossey stresses that he's not pre-



scribing prayer as a substitute for standard medical procedures. For appendicitis, you need an appendectomy, he insists. But he says repeated studies have shown that prayer after surgery will lead to faster healing.

Dossey is author of a new book, *Healing Words*, that predicts prayer will someday become a standard part of medicine and that *not* praying for patients will be considered a form of malpractice.

The belief that prayer heals is older than recorded history. But research over the past 20 years has begun to justify faith in ways that even agnostics can accept.

One study at the University of Virginia in the 1970s showed that orthopedic patients visited by chaplains needed less medical care. They made two thirds fewer calls to nurses for help, and they got out of the hos-

pital two days earlier than those who didn't receive spiritual support. The same patients also needed 66 percent less pain medication than patients who

never saw a chaplain.

Researchers at the Brockton/West Roxbury VA Center recently explored whether chaplains could bring some of the same health blessings to coronary patients.

Dr. Elisabeth McSherry picked more than 700 coronary patients admitted to the hospital for some of the most costly and complicated procedures — bypass operations, valve replacements and open heart surgery. The group also included veterans undergoing care for heart attack and chronic heart disease.

She randomly assigned some of these patients to an experimental group to receive daily and sometimes lengthy visits from Fassett and another chaplain. Other patients, used for comparison, were prescribed routine contact with chaplains who saw them for an average of just three minutes during their entire hospital stay.

Fassett and his partner were comparatively aggressive in offering a hand of faith to patients, no matter what their religious beliefs.

One man in the recovery room after heart surgery opened his eyes to see Fassett wearing his clerical collar and a pastoral look of compassion. "Good



IN CHAPEL—
Vietnam veterans, such as James Ramsey, use prayer, too.



TOUCH OF GOD—
Chaplain Phil Salois,
left, already knows
what the studies of
Dr. McSherry,
above, show: Prayer
helps patients.

Studies show that **PRAYER** after surgery leads to faster **HEALING.**

God," the patient said. "Is it that bad?"

"No," Fassett said quietly. "I think you've been through the worst of it." Fassett says he and his colleague knew patients' medical history before they ever made contact and gave brief written tests during the first meeting to determine their spiritual status. A sample question asked, "Do you feel the need for a power higher than yourself?"

"We picked up rather rapidly on their feelings," Fassett says. "Many patients had grown children who were

suffering through problems with their marriages, like bouts with drugs, alcohol and gambling," Fassett says. "The patients were often more worried about their offspring than their own coronary problems," even when their lives were at risk. Fassett tried to refocus them on their current condition, encouraging them to work hard at physical therapy without losing sight of their spiritual needs.

"If a patient didn't have much experience with organized religion, I'd say something like, 'I know of a power that's very helpful. Would you like to talk about it?'" Frequently, that question led to a discussion about loneliness, and the idea that help was close by. "Usually, I closed by asking them to follow me as I said a prayer," Fassett says.

Dr. McSherry is still calculating the results of the study that was completed last summer after 2½ years. She already knows that Fassett and his partner put in more than an hour with each patient during his hospital stay — 20 times longer than the routine visits of other chaplains in the comparison group.

Preliminary data suggest the time was well-spent. Those with the most

chaplain contact got out of the hospital a day or two sooner on average, McSherry says. The effect was greatest for patients who underwent coronary artery bypass operations and least apparent for those with chronic heart failure.

Her estimated cost of the frequent chaplain visits was no more than \$100 per patient. But the per-day savings of letting a veteran go home earlier amount to as much as \$4,000 a day. Total savings from a robust and prayerful chaplains' program, she estimates, could amount to several million dollars a year for the hospital.

No one knows how much of this million-dollar miracle is the result of praying or the good-health coaching provided by the chaplains. One study published in the late 1980s, however, seems to show that prayer itself helps heal people, at least some of the time — even if patients don't know someone is asking God's help for them.

The 393 patients in the study suffered congestive heart failure, heart attack, low blood pressure and other problems that led to their admission to the coronary care unit of San Francisco General Hospital. Dr. Randolph C. Byrd used a computer to randomly assign about half of them to a group of "Born Again" Christians. These regular churchgoers were asked to pray daily for the rapid recovery of those patients. However, none of the patients nor their doctors or nurses knew they were on anyone's prayer list.

Dr. Byrd found that:

- Prayed-for patients were far less likely to require antibiotics, indicating

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MAKING AMERICA BETTER

A HOMETOWN RESPONSIBILITY

If we are to curb violence and restore family unity, we must abandon some "rights" to do our own thing, says the founder of communitarianism, a new social movement.



NEW social movement is brewing in America, one that is neither on the left nor on the right, but part of both. It has the unwieldy name of communitarianism because it is based on the community — a place where personal freedom can thrive only with social responsibility.

Communitarianism already has won close attention from such diverse policymakers as Al Gore, Daniel Patrick Moynihan and Jack Kemp. Its founder, political and social thinker and activist Amitai Etzioni, a professor at George Washington University, says his ideas will "restore our lost sense of community. Communities make us nobler than we might otherwise be. That's the American tradition and it is a large part of what has made this nation great."

Etzioni, who was a senior adviser to President Jimmy Carter, has written 11 books on social policy, including *Capital Corruption* and his latest, *The Spirit of Community*. In this interview, he explains what communitarianism is and how it can curb the epidemic of violent crime, collapse of the family and mounting inter-ethnic strife that is crippling America.

AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE: Why do we need a new sense of community in America?

AMITAI ETZIONI: We have tilted too far in the direction of letting people do their own thing and have concerned ourselves too little with our social responsibilities. The times now call for putting a new emphasis on "we," on community. Communities lay claims on members. When we are in a community, we are encouraged to be nobler than we, perhaps, otherwise would be. Our lives are fuller and healthier.

Q. Why communitarianism? It sounds like something created by a bunch of ivory-tower academics?

A. Not at all. Our manifesto has been endorsed by what I call real people — lots of them — involved in religion, politics, business. We are not of the right or the left.

You don't have to be either to be committed to family, values and country, which is the essence of communitarianism. Everybody should be concerned about these issues.

Q. How then did we lose our sense of community?

A. It started in the '60s with a rebellion against traditions. It continued into the '80s where the guiding philosophy became greed — make all the money you can, serve your self-interest, and you have done enough. Putting those two trends back-to-back undermined the traditional community and the ties that bound us together.

Q. Does that lack of community play a role in today's epidemic of mindless violence?

A. Exactly. A community provides consensus for agreement about what is right and wrong. Lose the community and you also lose that. Today, in fact, rights and wrongs seem always subject to debate. And if this continues, I believe we are likely to end up as another Bosnia with all its inter-ethnic strife.

Of course we are a long way from that, but the Los Angeles Riot of 1992 served as a shot across our bow — a shot we must pay attention to.

Q. Why do you say that our persistent claiming of rights, without an equal sense of moral obligation to society, weakens the entire community?

A. One particular survey woke me up to this fact. A poll found that Americans are adamant about their right to be tried by a jury of their peers, but when we are asked to serve on juries we say, sorry, please find somebody else. For me, that's symbolic of this trend.

Q. Then why are we inventing so many new "rights?"

A. These new "rights" are things never envisioned by the Founders or mentioned in the Constitution. Some years ago, when Congress was debating putting a ceiling on credit card interest, the American Bankers Association



bought ads saying "Congress is threatening to take away your right to have a credit card." What right? Just as absurd is the petition by California prison inmates who claim their imprisonment infringes on their "reproductive rights."

It's time somebody comes along and says, "Grow up!" To take and not to give is immoral.

Q. Are we confusing rights with "rightness"?

A. Yes. One may have a right to do something, but that doesn't necessarily mean it is right to do it.

Take free speech. People can say what they want to say and that's part of what makes this country great. But at the same time, whenever somebody says something that's unacceptable, we should say: "Nobody is taking away your right to speak, but we don't appreciate it when you speak that way. If you continue, we'll have nothing more to do with you."

Sure, you have a constitutional right to say any foul thing that comes to mind. But there is no constitutional obligation for me to be with you. Would a racist continue making racist speeches if, instead of applause, he is greeted with stunned silence? Of course not.

Q. How can we break the hold of rights over responsibilities?

A. We believe that whatever you can do, you should. Here's an example we use:

Imagine a young man is in a motorcycle crash. His spinal cord is severed and all he can do is lie in bed and

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HIGHLIGHTS

Amitai Etzioni On...

Communities: "They lay claims on us. They speak to us in moral voices. They make us nobler than we otherwise might be."

Rights: "We have tilted too far in letting people do their own thing. Talk of individual rights without social responsibilities is unethical."

Children: "Between the '60s and the '90s, our society devalued children. We have to admit we've made a mistake and it's time to correct it."

Communitarianism: "We are committed to family, values, country. That's not left- or right-wing. Everybody must be concerned about these things."

Politics: "The public at large must get back into politics. They must recapture politics for the community."

By Ken Scharnberg

THE DISCOVERY of two VA attorneys allegedly removing evidence from veterans' files has sparked serious questions about the methods VA is using to process and reduce the enormous backlog of unresolved veterans' claims.

The incidents were disclosed in a memo to Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary Jesse Brown from Charles Cragin, chairman of the VA's Board of Veterans Appeals (BVA) on May 20, 1994. One of the attorneys was a five-year employee; the other has been with VA for 21 years.

In one of the cases, according to Cragin, an investigation by VA's Inspector General "revealed evidence that the attorney had removed and altered documents contained in claims files." This led to the BVA seeking the attorney's removal, but the attorney resigned in January before a final decision was made.

In the most recent case, according to Cragin's memo, the board had evidence that another attorney "removed and may have destroyed documents containing claims files." On May 20, the attorney was placed on nonduty status. An indefinite suspension was proposed, Cragin wrote, and "an ongoing criminal investigation of the counsel by the IG is proceeding in coordination with the U.S. Attorney's office."

VA Secretary Brown would only comment on one of the cases. In a statement given to THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE by VA's public affairs office, Brown said:

"I commend the vigilance of the Board of Veterans Appeals and the Inspector General in uncovering and halting these outrageous actions by a VA employee. I find that the conduct of this VA employee, who has been entrusted with the responsibility for protecting the rights of veterans, to be reprehensible.

"I want to assure veterans and their families that all appeals will be processed as quickly as possible. BVA attorneys are responsible professionals dedicated to putting veterans first. Any

Assistant Editor Ken Scharnberg wrote "The Writing of the GI Bill" in the June issue.

VA'S BACKLOG: Claims, Quotas, Chaos

The enormous claims backlog may have led VA employees to destroy or conceal case files.

VA employee who tampers with veterans' records will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law."

What did the attorneys have to gain by removing the records? Commenting on the actions of the two BVA attorneys, one VA employee said, "It might not make the backlog go away, but it would help them meet their quotas."

The backlog of veterans' claims at VA has become mind-boggling. There are more than 540,000 claims pending at VA Regional Offices (VAROs). This does not include 41,000 veterans who have appealed their cases and are awaiting decisions by the BVA.

VA said the typical disability claim at VAROs will take about 250 days to resolve, while an appeal filed with BVA will take an additional two years to resolve.

In the past, VA employees worked under an official quota system designed to speed up claims processing. While there is no longer a quota system, VA claims employees still are expected to meet informal production goals of a certain number of actions every pay period. The more actions they perform — writing letters, making phone calls, finding or forwarding files or correcting mistakes — the more likely they are to receive bonuses or be promoted.

To meet these "goals," the system encourages employees to delay working complex veterans' claims that require extensive time to process.

"A system that concentrates on simple, easy to process claims and tables the more complex claims, denies veterans their legal right to due process under the law," said Ron Abrams of

the National Veterans Legal Services Project in Washington, D.C. "In most situations, VA claims are supposed to be processed in the order they arrive," he said.

Abrams, a former VA attorney, is also editor of *The Veterans Advocate* newsletter. He cites a VA Central Office suggestion list that advises claims processors to "identify 'quick' issues for rating."

Abrams said this is office lingo for selecting easy claims — sometimes referred to as "cherry picking" — that can be processed quickly so VA can show Congress the number of claims awaiting action has dropped signifi-



INVESTIGATION SOUGHT—BVA Chairman Charles Cragin requested a criminal investigation of staff members he suspected of tampering with veterans' files.



ON FILE—These are only a few of the 41,000 claims languishing at the BVA in Washington.

cantly. "That means the complex claims will wait even longer to be processed."

However, Abrams said Central Office officials now are emphasizing to regional offices that they concentrate on adjudicating older claims first.

VA denies that the Central Office has ever instructed VAROs to work the easy claims first. "There has been no directive to take care of the quick-solve claims first," according to John Vogel, head of VA's Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), which oversees claims processing at local levels.

"A national conference call was held with all four VBA regions in which they were instructed to take care of the old cases first without degrading performance in any other area," Vogel said. "Some \$2 million — half a million for each region — was provided to pay for overtime to get that done. Cherry picking is not allowed."

The American Legion, however, has obtained a VA document titled, "Suggested Station Actions," that was sent to the four VBA regions after the recent conference call. One of the suggested actions recommends that VAROs "Identify 'quick' issues for rating."

Both the BVA Select Panel and VA Blue Ribbon Panel, appointed by Secretary Brown to find ways to improve

VA's claim system, recommended VA revise its quota system to reward employees who complete claims rather than giving bonuses for piece work. "The American Legion strongly approves of this change in work policy, but other changes such as improved quality reviews are needed as well," said Chet Stellar, chairman of the Legion's Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (VA&R) Commission.

HOWEVER, VA's Central Office, short on manpower, has decided to place less emphasis on evaluating VAROs' quality reviews, according to VBA instructions. In essence, the VAROs now are reviewing their own work with little or no oversight.

One VARO section chief told *THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE* that he had been forced to discipline some of his people for hiding veterans' claims in their desks. They were trying to avoid missing their quotas. Several American Legion Department Service Officers (DSOs) have reported similar incidents.

"We have no evidence that such a practice is widespread," said Ken McKenna of the VA Public Affairs Office. "In fact, such an action would be detectable and would cause the em-

ployee's measured performance to be sub-par, since the VBA has an electronic diary to track each employee's cases."

McKenna concedes that some employees have not wanted to work some cases because they "felt it was too hard." But he adds, "such behavior can be discovered and these employees can be fired very quickly for doing such a thing."

Quotas and the backlog are not VA's only problem. Morale and an Old Guard attitude are prime contributors as well, said Legion DSOs and VA employees.

For example, in Washington, D.C., a high-level VA manager in charge of setting up a new program to improve efficiency says his boss was openly opposed to the idea, and that paperwork was intentionally stalled to delay the program. He uses one word to describe the action of his boss: "Conspiracy." The employee has since left VA in disgust.

Overriding all these issues is VA's claims workload. Since the Gulf War and the military downsizing, thousands of veterans have entered the VA claims system, but there has been no corresponding increase in money to pay for additional employees to work claims.

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Using laws and regulations, government bureaucrats exercise unchecked power to unjustly grab citizens' land.

How Uncle Sam

By Paul Craig Roberts

NOW THAT Soviet communism has fallen of its own weight, we are left with a brutal fact: Our own government is our worst enemy. This is a disturbing thought especially for patriots, but government is no longer "of the people, by the people, and for the people." Government has its own agenda, and it differs fundamentally from the aims of the productive men and women whose everyday struggles carry this country along.

In 1957, Ayn Rand wrote a book, *Atlas Shrugged*, that is about our time. Here is a passage from the book. Dr. Ferris, a government official, is speaking to Mr. Rearden, an industrialist.

"Did you really think that we want those laws to be observed?" said Dr. Ferris. "We want them broken. There's no way to rule innocent men. The only power any government has is the power to crack down on criminals. When there aren't enough criminals, one makes them. One declares so many things to be a crime that it becomes impossible for men to live without

Paul Craig Roberts, a Distinguished Fellow at the CATO Institute, delivered this address, which also appeared in Vital Speeches magazine, at the American Farm Bureau Federation's 75th Annual Meeting earlier this year. Craig was interviewed on "How Washington Killed the Economy" in the October 1991 issue of this magazine.



KANSAS CROP—
Regulators can decide the legality of turning wetlands such as these into wheat fields.

breaking laws. Who wants a nation of law-abiding citizens? What's there in that for anyone? But just pass the kind of laws that can neither be observed nor enforced nor objectively interpreted — and you create a nation of law-breakers — and then you cash in on guilt. Now that's the system, Mr. Rearden, that's the game and once you understand it, you'll be much easier to deal with."

Farmers might feel that they have met Dr. Ferris if they have encountered wetlands or habitat regulators. It must be strange for you to find that you can't clear drainage ditches, farm bottom land, repair levees or put up a fence on your own property without the risk of criminal prosecution.

How strange to find that your old friend, the Army Corps of Engineers, is now part of the regulatory police. Armed with the National Biological

Survey, expect the Greens to use the Soil Conservation Service to take over farming and to replace it with land-use planning at the federal level. You will find, also, that the Fish and Wildlife Service wants habitat for endangered species, not farmers.

Uncertain laws based on the power of the bureaucracy to spin regulations out of thin air is inconsistent with farming, which requires long-term planning.

The Constitution's Fifth Amendment states that no person shall "be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation." The latter phrase is known as the "eminent domain clause," the "just compensation clause," or the "takings clause."

On the opening day of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas' confirmation hearings before the Senate Judi-

Pockets Your Property



GROUND TO DEATH—Susan Scott at the site of the Malibu, Calif., ranch where her father was killed in a drug and land seizure raid.

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ciary Committee, Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware waved a copy of University of Chicago law professor Richard Epstein's recent treatise against takings and expressed his concern that Thomas might actually believe what Epstein wrote.

Epstein's interpretation of the takings clause is that the clause means exactly what it says and that the Constitution's framers intended it that way. Needless to say, the Supreme Court has not upheld the takings clause as it was intended. Other than traditional cases of physical takings under eminent domain, federal, state and local governments have almost unchecked power to grab property from citizens without compensating them for it. Although many have hoped that the allegedly more conservative Rehnquist court would revive the takings clause, the court has taken only limited and tentative steps to restrain regulatory takings.

Like the separation of powers, fed-

eralism and other constitutional doctrines, the takings clause was intended as a limitation on government power. The government that is required to compensate citizens when it takes their property rights has less leeway than a government that has no such restraint on its actions.

Wetlands regulations are "takings." Moreover, they are takings without any statutory basis.

Nothing makes it clearer that the United States is no longer a "nation of laws" than federal wetlands regulations. These "laws" have been created entirely by bureaucrats and courts. All over America, people are finding their use of their property circumvented and themselves in jail because of these regulatory police and their "laws."

Recently, the Clinton administration said: "Congress should amend the

Clean Water Act to make it consistent with the agencies' rule-making." And Sens. Max Baucus of Montana and John H. Chafee of Rhode Island have introduced a bill to codify all the wetlands regulations that are being

enforced without any legal basis.

Note that our President and the two senators did not introduce a bill to stop unelected bureaucrats from illegally creating laws and running all over our constitutional protections. Not even a wrist slap. To hell with the U.S. Constitution, say the senators. Let's pass a law that future courts will use to give carte blanche to the regulatory police. Let's ennoble the bureaucrats. Divine rule cannot be blocked by special-interest lobbying.

The new tyranny that we are facing is being inflicted by people who see themselves as riding on the moral high horse. They are doing it for society's

good. As C.S. Lewis observed:

"Of all tyrannies, a tyranny exercised for the good of its victims may be the most oppressive. It may be better to live under robber barons than under omnipotent moral busybodies. The robber baron's cruelty may sometimes sleep, his cupidity may at some point be satiated; but those who torment us for our own good will torment us without end, for they do so with the approval of their consciences."

John Stuart Mill told us what it means when other people take it upon themselves to regulate our lives:

"Everyone is degraded, whether aware of it or not, when other people without consulting him take upon themselves unlimited power to regulate his destiny."

If you don't want farming to become a regulated public utility or, worse, a collective farm, you are going to have to fight — and it is hard for those dependent on subsidies to fight.

It is not just farmers that the government is after. Every other aspect of our economy is being criminalized, too.

Even accidents have been criminalized. Formerly, our legal system rested on the precept that there can be no crime without intent. But the U.S. Justice Department brushed this ancient principle away when it brought a criminal case against Exxon, our largest oil company, for the accidental 1989 Valdez oil spill. To treat accidents as crimes is to transform accidental manslaughter into premeditated murder.



LAW SPILL—The Valdez oil spill set the precedent for criminalizing accidents.

It is absolutely certain that Exxon did not run its Valdez oil supertanker aground off the coast of Alaska with the criminal intention of polluting the water and killing migratory birds. Yet the Justice Department's criminal indictment assumed that it did. The indictment treated the accidental spill of \$150 million worth of valuable oil in Prince William Sound as "refuse matter...thrown, discharged and deposited" by Exxon without a permit.

Not content with this absurdity, the Justice Department charged the oil company under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act for hunting migratory birds without a license and for "willfully and knowingly" employing people incapable of steering an oil tanker.

In a pattern all too frequent when the government points its guns, Exxon ultimately settled with the government for \$1 billion in fines and restitution, rather than stick up for its shareholders or force the government to prove itself in a court of law. Now that the Exxon case has set the precedent for the criminalization of accidents, anyone involved in a car accident that results in gasoline spilling into a stream or waterway risks being prosecuted for an "environmental crime."

According to an editorial in *The Wall Street Journal*, you may be committing a federal crime if you use an overnight shipping service, such as Federal Express. A little-known law requires that for you to use a private carrier to deliver mail, you must pay at least twice the cost of a first-class stamp and your shipment must be considered "urgent." The Postal Service says that means your shipment must require an "immediate response," effectively the same business day it's received. If it doesn't, you are a law-breaker.

All this would be merely amusing except that the feds are actually enforcing this absurd rule. The law allows the U.S. Postal Service to audit mailings to see if they are indeed "urgent." Typically, postal inspectors will show up in the shipping room of a company, flash their badges and ask to examine the records. Inspectors recently visited Equifax, an Atlanta credit reporting agency, and found that it was using overnight services for non-urgent mail. It promptly fined Equifax \$30,000, the amount the Postal Service would have collected if the materials had been sent first class.

Equifax isn't alone. In the past year, 12 companies — including GTE of Stamford, Conn. — have been audited and asked to cough up \$312,000 in what the USPS calls "recovered" revenue. The Postal Service defends its audits, and points out that it could even prosecute violators, but magnanimously chooses not to.

The Clintonista Justice Department gave the small city of Aurora, Ill., a surprise Christmas present — a lawsuit. It so happens that Aurora doesn't have any police officers in wheelchairs or any

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MOST WANTED—Under the law, private carriers can be used only for "urgent" deliveries. Now, postal inspectors swoop down on mail rooms looking for abuse, and the U.S. Postal Service charges firms for "mail" it didn't deliver but should have.



BUCHENWALD—
 "Death wherever we
 looked. We couldn't
 believe what we
 were seeing."

Witnesses to the Holocaust

**By Leslie Milk and
 Jeremy Milk**

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HEN the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum opened in Washington, D.C., in April 1993, it brought back the horrors of Adolph Hitler's gruesome campaign to exterminate Jews, gypsies, homosexuals, people with disabilities and others who might pollute the purity of "the Master Race" (see "Eleven Mil-

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*GIs who liberated
 Nazi concentration
 camps are
 appalled at how
 few people know
 of the Holocaust.*

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lion Victims," page 30).

The Holocaust Memorial documents inhumanity at a level of efficiency never seen before on the face of the earth. But for one group of Americans, no museum was needed. Their personal memories are enough. They are the American soldiers who liberated the Nazi concentration camps.

In 1944 and early 1945, Soviet forces liberated camps in Poland, and American newspapers reported on what the troops found.

But on European battlefields, very little of this information circulated beyond the top command and intelligence circles. So when American troops marched into concentration camps in the spring of 1945, they were totally unprepared to enter Hell on Earth.

Retired Army Lt. Gen. William L. "Buffalo Bill" Quinn was a colonel and the most senior military intelligence officer in the 7th Army at the time. "We had intelligence, of course, of the various camps, including Dachau...but we had no idea of the comprehensiveness of the genocidal intent of the Nazis," the 86-year-old Quinn says.

'We Have Seen Dachau. Now We Know What



INHUMANITY—
Above, survivors
of Gotha show
Gen. Dwight D.
Eisenhower
how they
were tortured.

Many Americans expected the concentration camps to be nothing more than large prisons. Sgt. Henry "Hank" DeJarnette of the 222nd Rgt., 42nd Div., recalls, "We just got orders that morning to get moving. I saw the sign on the side of the road that said 'Dachau,' but it didn't mean anything to me — just another town ahead."

Members of his division soon realized that Dachau was like no town they had ever seen. "We saw boxcars and little objects laying on the ground," the 72-year old retired salesman recalls. "And the closer we got, we saw that the objects were human beings — the infamous death train."

"It was a day that young men vomited and cried at the sight and smell," DeJarnette says. "Being hugged and kissed by walking skeletons. Death wherever we looked. We couldn't believe what we were seeing — the inhumanity of man to man, the torture, disease, starvation."

Further up the road, 2nd Lt. Chester B. Kaplan and his driver entered Allach, one of the many small subdivisions of Dachau located within a few miles of the main camp. They discovered they were liberating the town on their own, since the 45th Div. was two miles away and hadn't reached Allach yet.



ELEVEN MILLION VICTIMS

SIX MILLION Jews and as many as five million non-Jews were killed by the Nazi death machine between 1933 and 1945.

Hitler came to power in March 1933 as a nationalist and a racist bent on returning pride and power to a defeated and economically depressed Germany. Der Führer claimed his nation of Aryans was the "master race" and soon began to "cleanse" the race.

The first targets of the Nazis were the Jews. Jewish businesses were identified and boycotted, and Jewish-owned shops were looted in the infamous "Night of Broken

Glass." By 1940, the Jews were herded into ghettos. The following year, "The Final Solution to the Jewish Problem" called for the death of all Jews.

The Nazis also decided that others had to be contained or eliminated — as Michael Berenbaum writes in his book *The World Must Know* — "some for what they did, others for what they refused to do, still others for who they were."

The Jews, Gypsies, Slavs and blacks were considered by the Nazis to be the most threatening "race-defilers." Hitler also hated

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We Are Fighting For.'



The two men tried to maintain some semblance of order as prisoners rushed toward them, desperate for food and medicine.

When the 45th arrived, Kaplan and his driver left. Kaplan, now 76 and a practicing attorney, says that he and the driver did not speak as they drove away from Allach. They wanted to dis- count what they had seen, but "the ovens were still hot, so we knew what was going on there."

American soldiers were enraged by the unprecedented evil of the concen- tration camps. Staff Sgt. Curtis White- way of Co. E, 394th Rgt., 99th Inf. Div., remembers that while some men broke down, ran out, became sick and said prayers, "Others were swearing, and swearing revenge."

The 45th Division News banner headline on April 29, 1945, read, "We

Have Seen Dachau. Now We Know What We Are Fighting For."

Even the most bat- tle-hardened military officers were jolted by the sight. In her book, *The Other Victims*, Ina R. Friedman reports of a visit to the Ohrdruf camp by Army Gens. George Patton, Omar Bradley and Dwight D. Eisen- hower to inspect the gas chambers, the crematori- um and the torture room. "Eisenhower turned white. Patton threw up. Bradley was too stunned to speak."

Much of the informa- tion about what the sol- diers found in the camps was not compiled or reported to the home front. Military reports were often confined to military objectives. At the end of April 1945, for example, the 42nd Div.'s daily and weekly summaries included such matter-of-fact statements as "Early in afternoon, the concentration camp Dachau surrendered to General Linden" and "20,000 pairs of cork- soled shoes have been uncovered in Rain."

As the senior intelli- gence officer present, Col. Quinn felt obligated to record what he saw for posterity. His 68-page report, which included photographs and interviews with camp internees, goes far beyond the conventional mili- tary report. "Dachau and death were synonymous," he wrote.

When the GIs returned home, they found that the American people didn't want to know the terrible truths about the Holocaust.

Former Sgt. Curtis Whiteway, now 68 and a retired flooring specialist, says that "when you tried to bring it up, give them an idea of what was going on, they said the war was over and they wanted to start a new life. If you per- sisted in trying to tell them anything, they humiliated you — so we buttoned up and shut up, and tried to forget."

But Whiteway could not forget. He

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CHESTER B. KAPLAN—When he freed a camp, "the ovens were still hot, so we knew what was going on there."



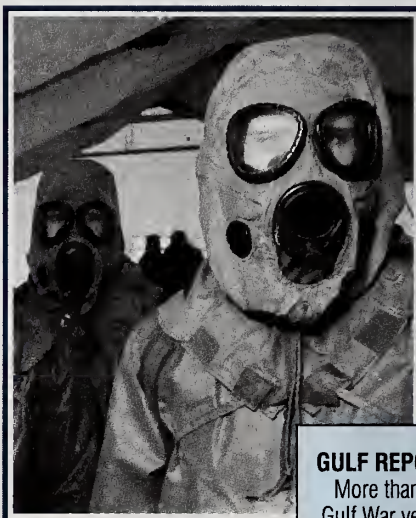
KURT & GERDA KLEIN—They met when he liberated her concentration camp in Volary, Czechoslovakia.



CURTIS WHITEWAY—He still remem- bers liberators throwing up, praying and "swearing revenge."

GULF ILLS TREATMENT SUPPORTED

VA Secretary backs House bills. Also, a Senate report says GIs may have been exposed to U.S.-made chemical and biological materials.



GULF REPORT—
More than 400 Gulf War veterans told of explosions followed by gas alerts.

CONGRESSIONAL initiatives to provide VA medical care for veterans suffering from Gulf War illnesses received a major boost in June when Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jesse Brown publicly supported legislation to help Gulf War veterans. He said veterans should receive VA care even though these illnesses have yet to be diagnosed as service-connected.

"Too many brave Americans have waited far too long for our nation to respond to their needs," said Brown. "This is one more step to right this wrong and to fulfill our country's commitment to those who served so faithfully."

Brown's comments came in response to two bills in Congress — H.R. 4540 sponsored by Illinois Rep. Lane Evans and H.R. 4386 sponsored by Mississippi Rep. G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery. The bills would grant presumptive disability to veterans with medical complaints they say are the result of their service in the Gulf War.

Montgomery's bill provides for three years of service-connected disability compensation, under the assumption that VA would determine the cause of the illnesses by then.

"This sets a dangerous precedent," a Legion spokesman told members of the House Veterans Affairs Committee in June. He said the symptoms of the illness, not any timetable, are what consti-

tutes a service-connected disability.

"Congress has a short memory," says VA&R Commission Chairman Chet Stellar. "In spite of promises today that service-connected compensation will continue if the cause of the Gulf illnesses are not identified in three years, this proposal holds too much temptation for those looking for easy places to cut the federal budget."

This is why the Legion supports Rep. Evans' bill, which does not set time limits on compensation, and because it calls for \$7.5 million annually over five years for research.

The Legion estimates that more than 20,000 veterans are now suffering from the Gulf War illnesses. There also is evidence that veterans' spouses and other family members are experiencing health problems related to the diseases. The Legion has urged Congress to include veterans' families in any legislation it passes.

Both bills came on the heels of Michigan Sen. Don Riegle's report that Gulf veterans may have been exposed to chemical and/or biological weapons.

GIs who served in the Persian Gulf may have been exposed to mustard gas and a nerve agent called Sarin. What's worse, those weapons may have been created by materials supplied by U.S. manufacturers, according to Riegle's report to the Senate.

Riegle and New York Sen. Alfonse

M. D'Amato conducted an investigation after allegations that the Department of Commerce allowed sales to Iraq of materials that could be used to create chemical and biological weapons. Riegle chairs the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, which oversees certain U.S. exports. D'Amato is the ranking member of the committee.

"The investigation...has uncovered a large body of evidence linking the symptoms of the [Gulf War Illness] syndrome to the exposure of Gulf War participants to chemical and biological warfare agents, chemical and biological warfare pre-treatment drugs, and other hazardous materials and substances," the report said. The probe uncovered a strong possibility that Soviet-made nerve and biological agents may have been used.

The report claims DoD not only was aware of this, but withheld the information in the interest of "military security." Riegle's staff interviewed more than 400 Gulf War veterans who told of explosions followed by gas alerts. The veterans were ordered not to say anything about the incidents. The report said witnesses to explosions and fireballs were told they were sonic booms.

Gulf veterans who know of gas alerts or who are experiencing health problems are urged to contact: The American Legion, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, 1608 K St. NW, Washington, DC 20006; (202) 861-2700.

A class-action lawsuit has been filed against 11 U.S. manufacturers by 26 Gulf War veterans seeking compensation for their illnesses. The suit was filed in Angleton, Texas, less than two weeks after Riegle's report was released in late May. The suit contends the companies sold chemical and biological weapon parts to the Iraqis or their agents, knowing they were dangerous and could be acquired and used "by an outlaw country like Iraq."

Gulf War veterans experiencing health problems who are interested in joining the class action suit should contact: Spagnoletti & Associates, 1600 Smith, Ste. 4545, Houston, TX 77002; (713) 653-5600.

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National Flag Amendment Coalition Formed

SIXTY organizations sent representatives to a Legion-sponsored meeting in Washington, D.C., in May to lay the foundation for a national coalition to protect the U.S. Flag from physical desecration.

Called the Citizens Flag Alliance, Inc. (CFA), the coalition supports a constitutional amendment to allow Congress and the states to enact legislation to protect the Flag. More details about the CFA will be announced at the National Convention in Minneapolis next month.

"Protecting the Flag is in the hearts of Americans nationwide," said National Commander Bruce Thiesen. "This broad-based, grassroots coalition answers the nation's call to protect the Flag."

Meanwhile, the Legion is

still pressing state legislatures to pass the memorializing resolutions calling for



the Flag to be protected from physical desecration. In late May, North Carolina became the 44th state to pass one.

"I was elated to see the North Carolina legislature call upon Congress to give the people a chance to vote to keep the Flag from being desecrated," said Larry Tetterton, Chairman of the Department of North Carolina Legislative Commission. "The Flag symbolizes all of the freedoms we have in this country."

Tetterton and other North

Carolina Legionnaires were able to push the memorializing resolution through the state legislature despite a general assembly rule that bans such resolutions. "This issue was so important to the assembly that they suspended that rule and unanimously passed the memorializing resolution to protect the Flag," said Tetterton.

The 44 states that have passed resolutions represent 94 percent of the total U.S. population — over 234 million people.

The Legion campaign to protect the flag began after the Supreme Court ruled in 1989 that burning the flag in public protest is free speech and protected by the First Amendment. Since then, Legionnaires nationwide have been pressuring their state legislatures to approve memorializing resolutions to protect the Flag.

Only six states have yet to pass resolutions to protect the Flag. They are: Hawaii, Iowa, Kentucky, Oregon, Vermont and Washington. □

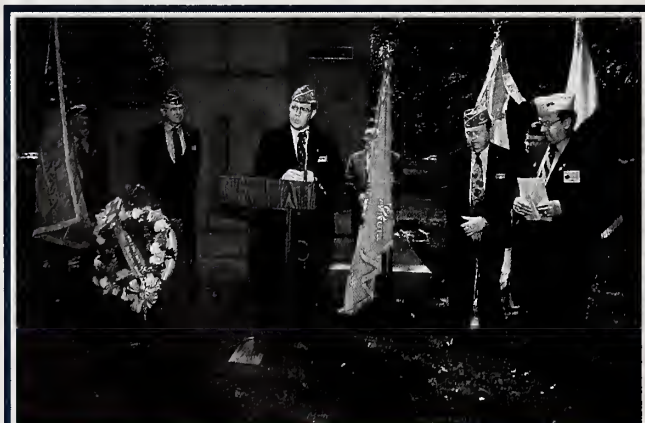
SHIP TO BE NAMED AFTER MARINE KILLED IN BEIRUT

THE Navy plans to name one of its new guided-missile destroyers after Marine Col. William "Rich" Higgins, who was killed by terrorists in 1988 while serving in Beirut, Lebanon, on a U.N. peacekeeping assignment.

Secretary of the Navy John H. Dalton made the announcement Feb. 17 on the sixth anniversary of Higgins' death. The ship

is one of five Arleigh Burke-class destroyers to be built between 1996 and 1998.

Higgins' widow, Lt. Col. Robin L. Higgins, is head of the Media Branch of the U.S. Marine Corps Public Affairs in Washington, D.C. "I hope the spirit of my husband will guide those who ride the ship," said Higgins, a Legionnaire of Post 42, Washington, D.C. □



ST. LOUIS CAUCUS REMEMBERED—National Commander Bruce Thiesen, Past National Commander John Geiger and other Legion officials gathered at St. Louis in May to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Legion's St. Louis Caucus. Thiesen and Geiger placed wreaths at the site and at this nearby monument built in 1969 to honor the Legion. More than 1,000 delegates met in St. Louis May 8, 1919, to complete work on establishing the new veterans' organization.

Historic Piano Finds Proper Resting Place

APIANO, once entertainment for thousands of servicemen traveling through the Midwest during World War II, has found a new home at the Harvey County Historical Society in Newton, Kan. Showing its age with brown nicotine stains and bearing the signatures of hundreds of servicemen, the piano was donated to the

society by Legionnaires of Post 2 in Newton.

The piano was formerly a part of the Newton United Service Organization Lounge. Servicemen who visited the lounge often signed their names on the piano. "It was a way to say 'I was here,'" explained George Brueggeman, First Vice Commander of Post 2. □

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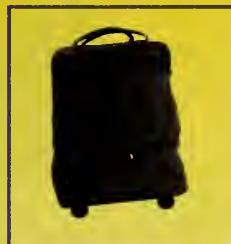
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THANKS to the Post Partnership program and the National Emergency Fund (NEF), Legion Posts damaged by the Great Flood of '93 no longer need assistance.

"The Post Partnership has been a tremendous success," said National Commander Bruce Thiesen. "I thank all of those Posts that gave their time and money to help their fellow Legionnaires."

As the waters of the Mississippi crested during the Great Flood of '93, The American Legion created the Post Partnership program to link Posts in need with Posts from across the nation that could help. Twenty-six Posts needed help because of the flooding, and 54 Posts gave assistance by donating about \$40,000 and sending food, manpower, building materials, tools, Christmas presents, bedding, clothing and other supplies.

Although Post Partners are no longer needed, National Headquarters wants to maintain a registry of Posts willing to pro-



DELUGE OF HELP—Post Partners from across the country helped flood victims with \$40,000 in aid.

vide similar assistance in future disasters. If your Post is willing to be a future Post Partner, send the names, addresses and telephone numbers of two Post contacts to:

The American Legion
Attention: NEF Coordinator
P.O. Box 1055
Indianapolis, IN 46206.

94-Year-Old Bugler Still Answers Call

KEEP the bugle, but give me your sidearm," the sergeant told Fred Hummer when he was discharged from the Army in 1919.

Since then, Hummer hasn't let the bugle stray too far from sight. The 94-year-old has been sounding bugle calls for 77 years. A member of Post 555, Midway City, Calif., Hummer plays at every Legion meeting, in addition to funerals and Memorial Day commemorations.

At 17, Hummer was too young to be drafted, but he got into the Army in 1917 after volunteering to be a bugler.

"As long as I can still play, I'll keep on doing it," said Hummer, who practices the bugle daily. "I've always wanted to represent the men and women who died for me. It's the least I can do."

On Memorial Day this year at Westminster Memorial Park in Midway City, California Rep. Dana Rohrabacher presented Hummer a plaque that read, "Your achievements will always be a part of our heritage." □

NEBRASKA COMMANDER DIES

DEPARTMENT of Nebraska Commander Leroy G. McDonald, 45, died in late April. McDonald was a Vietnam veteran and member of Post 327 of Bellwood, Neb., for 17 years. He previously served as Department Senior Vice Commander, and was a former Post, County and District Commander. An Air Force veteran, McDonald served with the 75th and 67th Civil Engineering squadrons until his discharge in 1972. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, two sons, two stepchildren, his parents and one brother. □

LEGIONNAIRES IN ACTION

Post 175 of Washington, Pa., recently gave a \$5,000 check to the city to help buy a drug-sniffing dog for the police force.

A member since 1957, **Ralph J. Caneva, Post 153 of Park Ridge, N.J.**, is in his 39th term as the Post's Finance Officer.

For the past three years, students of the Lyme School model building program, Lyme, N.H., have been donating military models they build to **Post 80 of Lyme, N.H.** Post members conduct a contest and judge the models, awarding ribbons to the students for their efforts. The Post tops off the event by throwing a pizza party for the students.

Post 1525 of Bronx, N.Y., recently presented a check for \$1,000 to Covenant House, which cares for homeless youths.

Father and daughter team **Jack Mann and Cyndi Novicki, Post 151 of Fullerton, Neb.**, have been elected Post Commander and Auxiliary Unit President, respectively. Mann is a 30-year member, and Novicki has been a member for 18 years.

Post 757 of Oak Lawn, Ill., gave 24 flags to Covington School in Oak Lawn, Ill., during an awards ceremony.

Post 273 of Madeira Beach, Fla., doesn't live on Blackhawk Road anymore. Post members coaxed the Madeira Beach Board of Commissioners to change the street name to American Legion Drive. The Post commemorated the name change in a ceremony on President's Day. □

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36th Grp., HQ Btry. #14995

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and others had liberated several camps in Bavaria. He found "the graveyard for small children that they had 'euthanized' with gasoline" and the "lampshades of human skin and body parts in SS trophy rooms" at Hadamar. He watched a man use an iron scoop to demonstrate how the prisoners were forced to collect the liquid fat of burned people and mix it with lye to make souvenir bars of soap for visiting SS.

Although most Allied soldiers arrived at the camps after Nazi soldiers had fled, Whiteway was among a group of soldiers who forced their way into a camp and freed those who were still in chains. For his heroism, Whiteway was flown to Israel to receive that country's Medal of Valor.

But Whiteway had nightmares for 37 years and didn't know why. Many WW II veterans like him suffered in silence from what is now known as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). "Once the war was over, they sent you home. The Army said we had

homosexuals, and he ordered the execution of the head of the Storm Troopers, Ernst Roehm, when he learned that Roehm was homosexual. The T-4 program eliminated the physically disabled, mentally retarded, and emotionally disturbed at "hospitals" throughout Germany. Even decorated German soldiers were killed if they were injured and unable to further assist the Nazi war effort.

Freemasons, independent religious leaders, Jehovah's Witnesses, and members of the Confessional Church were sent to concentration camps for rehabilitation along with criminals, political opponents and trade-unionists. Prisoners of war were usually executed.

The Nazis identified concentration camp inmates by sewing trian-

gular, cloth patches to their uniforms: Jews wore two yellow triangles, made into a star, Gypsies wore black or brown triangles; homosexuals wore pink ones; Jehovah's Witnesses wore purple triangles; Catholics, Poles and political prisoners wore red triangles; and criminals wore green ones.

In 1942, Hitler began "cleansing" on a grand scale and concentration camps were turned into death factories. Although some prisoners were worked to death or died of starvation, disease or medical experimentation, the majority of Hitler's victims were killed quickly, though painfully, in assembly-line fashion. The Nazis determined that gas chambers disguised as showers were the most efficient means of killing, but many victims were also shot or given lethal injections. □

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no problems," he recalls.

Dr. Matthew Friedman, executive director of the VA National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in White River Junction, Vt., says military psychiatrists were treating veterans for "combat fatigue" and "war neurosis" during World War II. However, he says PTSD wasn't fully acknowledged until relatively recently. "People didn't understand, and many cases were misdiagnosed as depression or alcoholism even in the late '60s and '70s," says Friedman.

Despite their nightmares and psychological scars, returning soldiers were determined to put the war behind them and get on with their lives. After liberating Buchenwald, Cpl. Leon Bass of the 3rd Army's 183rd Engineering Combat Bn. went back to school, married and started a family.

In 1968, Bass was principal of an inner-city Philadelphia high school when a Holocaust survivor came to speak to the students.

Bass told *The New York Times* in 1985 "[the students] weren't having any of it. I took as much as I could until I had to stand up and challenge them. I said 'Hold it, listen, she's right. I was there.'" The scent of burned flesh and sight of blood-stained torture chambers were back.

Like Bass, other veterans today are eager to talk about what they saw. Many are appalled at the ignorance about the Holocaust. For example, a

recent Roper poll found that one-fifth of those American high school students surveyed thought it possible that the extermination of 6 million Jews never happened. GIs who liberated the camps are ready to testify and refute neo-Nazi propaganda that the Holocaust never happened.

DeJarnette, who gave 12 lectures last spring alone, says he has a standing military order to discuss what he knows about the Holocaust. His superior officer, Col. Walter J. Fellenz, told him to pass the word.

Although Fellenz died years ago, DeJarnette still feels obligated because "it *did* happen! I hope it never happens again, but sometimes I wonder, with guys like Saddam Hussein and the neo-Nazis in Germany."

Others who saw the horror are also active in passing the word. Whiteway has assisted several museums with their exhibits and Chester Kaplan is chairman of a museum in Kansas City, Mo.

For Whiteway, talking about it apparently is part of the healing; he no longer has nightmares. The VA's Friedman is not surprised. "One of the major things trauma survivors need to do is to tell their story, to make sense out of what happened to them. The Holocaust Museum, like the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, gives meaning and context to their experience. Their suffering has been validated," Friedman believes.

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Retired Philadelphia school principal Leon Bass has also found peace through communicating his experiences. Bass, now 69, remembers how embittered he was when he joined the Army in 1943 and was assigned to an all-black battalion. Then he was sent to Europe to fight for rights that he didn't enjoy at home.

Bass believes that the Holocaust tempered his anger, making him realize that African Americans weren't the only people to experience persecution. He now travels around the country, "talking to anyone about the evils of racism, anti-Semitism, bigotry — what created the horrible conditions in Europe. That same condition existed, and still exists to a degree, in the United States," he says.

To date, few of the GI liberators we interviewed have visited the Holocaust Memorial in the nation's capital. For some it may be a question of age and

distance. For others, it may be as Gen. Quinn points out, "I don't have to go in a hurry...I saw it firsthand."

The story of Lt. Kurt Klein, a member of the 5th Inf. Div., is part of the oral history exhibit at the Holocaust Memorial.

Klein is Jewish and was born in 1920 in Heidelberg, Germany. Before the Nazis took them away to their death in 1937, his parents managed to get him out of the country to his sister in Buffalo, N.Y. Klein then joined the U.S. Army to defeat the regime that killed his parents.

KLEIN met Gerda Weissmann when he liberated a camp in Volary, Czechoslovakia. Although she weighed only 68 pounds, she was one of the strongest of the female prisoners.

"We are Jews," she told Klein, expecting him to flinch or turn away.

"So am I," he replied.

They fell in love, and Klein found Weissmann a job near his base in Munich. Weissmann tells their story in a Holocaust Memorial film:

"And this first young American of liberation day is now my husband. He opened not only the door for me, but

the door to my life and my future."

Several years ago Klein retired from his printing business and they now live in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Hank DeJarnette's Holocaust memories are also close to home. Years ago DeJarnette learned that a couple he had liberated, Ann and Fred R. Gilbert, lived just a mile away from him in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He made no effort to contact them, saying "I didn't want to open an old wound. I'm just a dog-faced infantryman who walked through the gates."

Then DeJarnette read a newspaper article about the Gilberts and decided to phone them. The three forged a bond from the nightmare they shared. Later they traveled back to Dachau together for an NBC *Today Show* special commemorating the 40th anniversary of the liberation.

The Gilberts have since moved to California, but every year on April 29, the day Dachau was liberated, DeJarnette calls them. This year he called but couldn't reach them. Later that evening, his phone rang. It was the Gilberts.

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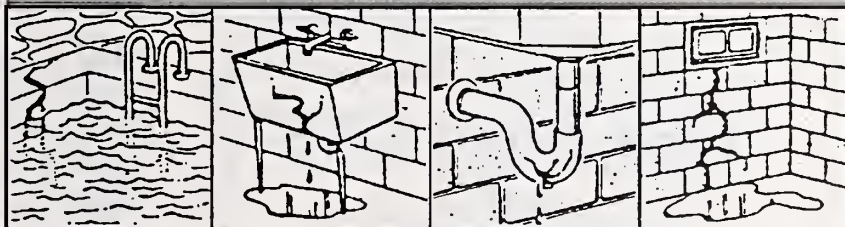
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read by turning pages with a stick in his mouth. Some people say we should supply a nurse's aide to turn the pages. We say, no, whatever he can do, he should. By that token, few of us are as handicapped and disadvantaged as this example. Rich or poor, we should do what we can do as members of the community. That's the communitarian solution.

Q. You say that, as a society, we must take more steps to develop character in our children. How?

A. The starting point is to recognize that the essence of character is self-discipline. We all have impulses that are not wholesome. We all have lust and anger. Somebody cuts you off on the highway and you may want to retaliate, to strike back. We have to be able to control these impulses.

Character implies self-control. Impulse control is even more essential in a democratic society than are the often cited prerequisites of being politi-

cally informed and voting regularly. If families don't teach this — and they should — the schools should step in.

Q. What values should schools teach?

A. Somebody always challenges me by asking, "Whose values will schools teach?" Values do trigger heated debate, but there are things virtually all of us agree on. Does anybody believe second graders should be taught that lying is better than telling the truth? That betraying your country is better than serving your country? That stealing is better than working?

Everybody knows these things. So why is it "indoctrination" to teach them to children?

Q. Why do you say that punishment for certain crimes ought to take the form of public humiliation?

A. It's low cost and surprisingly effective. For instance, an Oregon town required a drunk driver to buy an ad in a local newspaper to publicly apologize. On Long Island, a town had a major problem with prostitution. Women walking down the street or watering their lawns were getting propositioned. The neighborhood association started writing down the

license numbers of cars cruising the neighborhood. They got the owner's name and address from the state and wrote his wife a letter at their home.

Was it nice to surprise those wives with that letter? Of course not. But what's the alternative? Arresting the johns? Spending more tax money on cops, jails and courts?

We need to maintain basic civility in our communities. When people won't do it out of the realization that there are rights and wrongs, they need encouragement. We can get involved in little ways. If you see somebody walking down the street littering, you can say, "Hey, you dropped something." I was about to jaywalk in Seattle when somebody behind me hissed, "It's 'Don't Walk.'" I got the point and I didn't.

Q. Can't this ultimately lead to a dictatorship by the majority?

A. We feel very strongly that in society some matters must be decided by majority rule. On which side of the street to drive, for instance. The same is true for how much tax we pay. There are many such matters that cannot be left to individual taste.

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the majority has nothing to say. Your right to speak is not subject to majority vote. Neither is your right to vote. As communitarians, we believe in a constitutional democracy where the Constitution defines those matters that are *not* subject to majority rule.

The ACLU, however, doesn't recognize both sides of this coin. They want only to fight for rights for individuals, with no recognition of responsibilities to the community. That's why I call them "radical individualists."

Q. Do you support a national ID card to help stop immigration?

A. Not yet. The idea raises real problems with legitimate rights to privacy. And *60 Minutes* recently showed how, in Southern California, Social Security cards and green cards [that show an alien's proof of legal status] are widely available on street corners. Some people have five different Social Security cards and are collecting five different welfare checks.

Still, right now, I'm ambivalent about a national ID card. It's an issue we're considering, but we're not yet ready to embrace it.

Q. Why do communitarians say a two-parent family is better than a single-parent family?

A. We have taken a lot of criticism on that, but it's my job to call them as I see them. There has *never* been a society in all of human history that has not been based on families. We have tried to do without and the results clearly are entirely unsatisfactory.

Between the '60s and the '90s, our society devalued children, while "making it" was put on a high pedestal. But the new has not worked. We now have a generation of neglected children. We have to admit we've made a mistake and that it's time to correct it.

The evidence is plain: Children who grow up without parents or with one parent do not do as well by any measure as children raised by two parents. In fact, the more the better. If grandparents also are actively involved, that's wonderful. We need to return more hands to parenting. Parenting is very important and we need to say it.

Q. So, divorces should be difficult

for parents to get?

A. Easy divorces for parents are not in the best interest of children. But I don't like putting this in terms of creating legal restrictions, though we may have to do that eventually. I would much rather have people prepare better for marriage.

Today, there are churches and synagogues that will not marry anyone unless the couple comes at least four times to discuss basic marital issues such as who will control the money and how many children will they have? That's to the good. We can slow the rush to divorce by slowing the rush to marriage.

Q. You are saying that each of us should get involved in our community?

A. Yes. The more individuals who dedicate themselves to fostering community, the more who will join in. I know many will say, "The government should do these things for us." But when we say that, do we realize we will have to pay for these government services?

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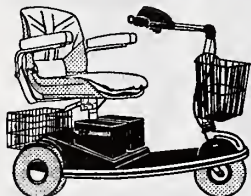
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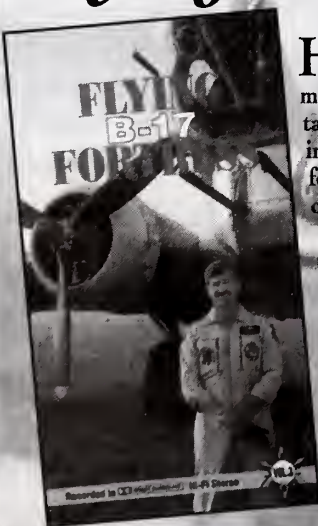
"As a World War II combat veteran myself, I feel very strongly about this final commemorative push," said Herman G. Harrington, the committee's chairman whose perseverance led to the creation of the collection.

"As hard as it may be to say, this will probably be the last major commemoration of World War II that most of us will live to see. Our committee couldn't just stand by and see it pass without creating some tangible mementos by which our children and grandchildren could remember what we did," he said.

The World War II Commemorative Calendar, a 1995 custom calendar bearing the name of a living or deceased World War II veteran, is the first of several such commemorative items to be made available, many of which will be on display at the 76th Annual National Convention in Minneapolis.

Harrington emphasized that offering commemorative items is not a money-making proposition, but a way to pay lasting tribute to the veterans. In addition, "we are providing World War II veterans a way to express their pride in what they accomplished, and their loved ones a unique way to say 'We appreciate what you gave us,'" he said. The committee plans to donate the proceeds to the World War II memorial, pending NEC approval. ☐

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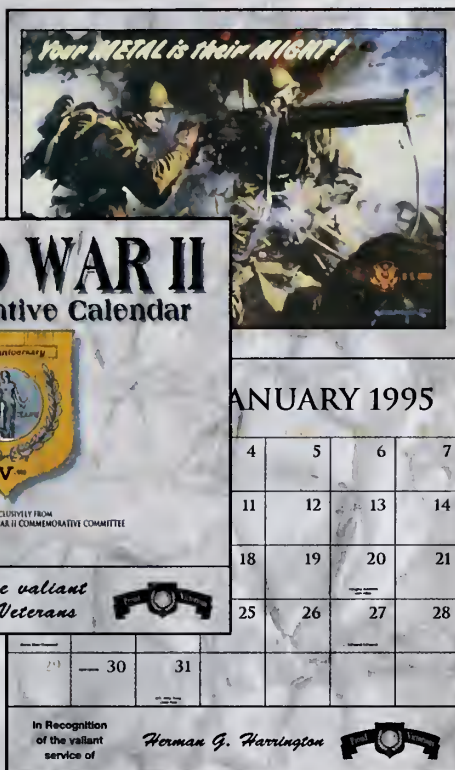
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dent Bush, CIA Director Gates made the information available to a select panel of civilian scientists so they could determine whether it should be declassified.

"The Department of Defense has recognized that unless it doesn't want to take some serious budget hits, it had better come up with a whole range of dual-use technologies," says a high ranking aide of the Senate Government Affairs Committee, chaired by Sen. John Glenn of Ohio.

"The CIA is also under pressure to justify its budget. The whole 'swords into plowshares' idea, especially for environment research, is very popular," the aide says. "I know my boss [Senator Glenn] supports it. But he's also reluctant to let go of any technologies that might somehow, someday be used against us."

Glenn's committee will eventually hold hearings on some of the declassification issues.

"There are really two issues here,"

observes Kenneth Keller, a senior fellow for science and technology at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York. "One is over the data we already have. The other is about prospective data and the means we use to acquire it. I have few worries about releasing old material." Newer collection systems, he suggests, ought to be kept under tight wraps.

HOWEVER, the Clinton administration's March decision will allow American companies to sell the nation's most sophisticated spy satellite technology to commercial customers around the world. After a year of intense debate among the Commerce Department, the Pentagon and intelligence agencies, American firms can now build, operate and sell satellite systems and images that are as good as or better than those taken by spy satellites. The administration is defending the move in the interests of the American economy.

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This gives the willies to a CIA source who requests anonymity. "No matter where it comes from, a high resolution satellite photo is pretty darn good for targeting," he explains. "And North Korea is buying old Soviet subs, supposedly for scrap metal. Sure."

Still, it's a sure thing that the move toward selling once-secret military technology and using it for environmental research will continue. It has the backing of the political heavyweights. Vice President Gore has often stated his belief that a decline in environmental quality is a threat to America's security. However, a Gore spokesperson says, "The Vice President would never support the release of any technologies that would compromise national defense."

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1998. With malice, its weapon tubes armed and ready, that same North Korean submarine prowls the Pacific coast of the United States using knowledge that somehow slipped into scientific papers. Fortunately, even before the divers cut the Sosus cable, a U.S. satellite that detects distur-

bances caused by metallic objects moving underneath the sea luckily has picked up the sub. Just as the North Koreans believe they are in the clear, an American attack sub sneaks up from behind. And the good guys blow that sucker right out of the water.

It could indeed happen this way, if we perform much-needed scientific studies, strengthen the nation's economy, yet still protect the integrity of military defense systems. But, if we grow lax, there's also the possibility that these peaceful plowshares just might blow up in our faces. □

ON THE JOB

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mean that some 3.6 million new jobs would be created in the next 10 years.

At the same time, the Legion is aware that many veterans can't wait 10 years for a job. One program the Legion initiated in 1993 has more immediate results. The Legion and the Laborers' International Union of North America embarked on a joint program to train and employ recently discharged veterans in construction work.

The key to the program is a job guarantee. No veterans enter the training program without commitments from construction contractors to hire them. Pilot training classes were held for veterans in the Washington, D.C., area, followed by a second training class in Pennsylvania.

The program proved so successful that the Department of Labor gave the project a \$166,300 grant. The Department of Defense also gave the Legion \$150,000 to expand the program. The funds are being used to conduct more training classes in Wisconsin, Iowa, Kentucky and Indiana.

At the grassroots level, many posts sponsor job fairs that bring veterans and prospective employers together. South Carolina Legionnaires, led by Past National Vice Commander Robert "Jack" David, have turned their Posts into effective job placement vehicles for veterans by establishing a Military Assistance Council (MAC).

MACs are partnerships between the military and the state job placement offices that alert communities about GIs who will soon be discharged and are looking for work. In 1993, some 8,700 South Carolina veterans found jobs through the MAC program. MACs now are also operating in Ohio, New Jersey, Florida and California.

"One of our most important priorities is — and always will be — 'A Job for Every Veteran,'" says National Commander Thiesen. "With the military downsizing, it is every Post's and Department's obligation to do whatever they can in their communities to help our young comrades find work."

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PROPERTY

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firefighters with chronic back problems. So the city was slapped with a lawsuit for discriminating against the disabled. I kid you not! It can happen to you, too. Before it's all over, you will be required to have wheelchair lifts on your tractors and combines.

Common sense is completely gone. The Washington, D.C., rescue service has an employee who is a carrier of Hepatitis B, an infectious disease. The department kept him on, but told him not to perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Yes, he filed a discrimination lawsuit, and Federal District Judge Joyce Green ruled that, public health be damned, the worker was covered under the Americans with Disabilities Act and the D.C. government could not prevent the infected worker from giving mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

Not only is our government, in the words of Dr. Ferris, creating a nation of law breakers, it is taking steps to make certain that when we offend, we have no legal counsel. Our wonderful gov-

ernment has launched an all-out attack on the ancient attorney-client privilege. The government hit the Kaye, Scholer law firm with a \$275 million suit for failing to disclose to the government damaging evidence against its client. To make certain the law firm would not fight this precedent-establishing case, the government froze the assets of the firm and the personal assets of the partners. The firm settled for \$41 million without admitting wrongdoing.

ASSET freezes are now routine. The government "wins" its case by destroying the defendant's ability to defend. Asset forfeitures are also routine. A 70-year-old black grandmother lost her house in Washington, D.C., because the police alleged that one of her 16 grandchildren had drugs in her house. Donald Scott, a millionaire in Malibu, lost his life after he refused to sell his 200-acre ranch to the Park Service. Federal drug agents decided to seize his ranch on the suspicion that drugs might be present there. Scott was gunned down when the 30-person raiding party broke in his front door.

A lot of people think that laws are passed for the good of society. New York's Sullivan Law, which makes it a felony to carry a concealed weapon, is commonly believed to be aimed at criminals. In fact, it was passed to protect criminals from law-abiding citizens. Keep the story I am about to tell you in mind as you watch the federal government criminalize gun ownership for the law-abiding.

Sullivan, the author of the law, was a member of the State Assembly representing a district in the city of Brooklyn that was known as Red Hook. This district surrounding the Gowanus Canal was a hotbed of crime in the late 19th century and remains a dangerous place today. Many of its inhabitants assaulted and robbed persons from other parts of the city who passed through, and many were killed.

People who had business in that area or had to pass through it began to protect themselves by carrying pistols. This resulted in a decrease in income for the robbers in Red Hook, and they persuaded their assemblyman, Sullivan, to introduce and secure the passage of a law that disarmed the public, so that when a robbery was attempted, the criminal would not be surprised or injured by the victim's armed resistance.

Now that farmers have to struggle against their own government in addition to their struggle with nature, keep

in mind in your deliberations that your greatest advantage of the post-war period has been lost. For many decades, communism enveloped vast areas of the earth, ruthlessly eliminating your agricultural competition and producing huge numbers of hungry people. But the Soviet Union has disappeared, and even China has privatized agriculture through long-term leases. As the rest of the world advances toward freedom, we are stepping back from it. Unaccountable bureaucrats, unaccountable judges and unaccountable legislators are stealing our property rights hand over fist.

As we enter an era of increasingly regulated property rights, our competitive position in the world economy can only deteriorate. The farmers' alliance with government has broken down. It no longer serves your interest. The policy choice today is stark: revive free farming, demand enforcement of the constitutional protection against takings, or perish. □

IN SEARCH OF...

This column is for readers searching for groups of veterans for purposes other than forming a reunion (use VETS column) or to find witnesses to verify VA health claims (use COMRADES IN DISTRESS column). No notices seeking information about relatives or friends will be published. Notices are published free, on a space-available basis.

Air Force personnel who performed test insertions of plutonium or uranium on the AB-39 (Fat Man) or the T-17 (Hydrogen Bomb), for research on long-term medical effects. Contact: Glen R. Garrison, 17532 W. Eagle Pt. Rd., Polo, IL 61064.

Anyone involved in Operation Crested Ice, a cleanup operation of radioactive debris from a B-52 that crashed with four H-bombs aboard near Thule, Greenland in 1968. Contact: National Association of Atomic Veterans, P.O. Box 4424, Salem, MA 01970-6424.

Anyone with knowledge of the downing of Capt. Robert L. Simpson's T-28 strike aircraft near Phu Vinh, South Vietnam, on Aug. 28, 1962, for his widow and children. Capt. Simpson was a member of Det. 2, 4400 CCTS (later it became the Air Commandos/Special Operations). Contact: Eugene D. Rossel, 6083 Rosa Ct., Chino, CA 91710; (800) 944-9700.

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Families of a B-24 Liberator that crashed Sept. 9, 1944, near Seljord, Norway, for a memorial gathering. The 11 men who lost their lives were part of the Ball Project located at Leuchars, Scotland. Contact: Tor Reiten, 3840 Seljord, Norway.


Families of other Korean and Cold War MIAs. Contact: the Korean/Cold War Family Association of the Missing, P.O. Box 122225, Fort Worth, TX 76121-2225.

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


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VA BACKLOG

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The results inside VA has been "absolute chaos," said one VA employee.

Most VA workers are unwilling to candidly talk about the backlog for fear of losing their jobs. But a few agreed to describe current conditions in VA, providing their names would not be published.

"It is a madhouse! 'Experts' are coming in, spending an hour and a half in the building without speaking to a single employee, then coming up with their idea about what the problems are and how to solve them," one employee told THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE.

"There's a lot of noise, but basically, it's still business as usual," added another VA worker. "Anyone who expects these people to come up with solutions for efficiency has never seen the top-echelon managers in action. The horrible thing is, these are the people who are promoted."

Why is VA's budget too small for the job Congress wants it to do?

"The problem dates to the 1980s, when staffing levels were repeatedly cut based on expected automated data processing modernization and VA administrators were instructed to improve their efficiency," said VA&R Commission Chairman Stellar.

"This led VA to under-report its staffing needs in order to look good," Abrams said. He said that instead of admitting they couldn't operate efficiently with the limited staff, VARO administrators developed a system of reporting that effectively hid the quality of work and productivity.

"VA's reluctance to go to Congress for the necessary funds and the general apathy in Congress towards veterans has seen the VA budget stagnate in recent years," said Stellar.

"When VA was elevated to cabinet level, the situation became even more complicated," Stellar said. "The VA Secretary was now part of the White House team. In a climate of budget-cutting, it would be an act of political suicide for the VA Secretary to approach Congress and complain that the administration's budget to run VA was far too small," said Stellar.

VA vehemently denies that the claims system is "budget driven" (in which claims are denied based on the

amount of budget savings, not on merit).

Yet VA argued in the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals last year against granting benefits to a single veteran (*Gardner v. Brown*) because "if allowed, thousands of other veterans would be eligible for compensation and it would cost the taxpayer millions." VA lost the case and has appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Meanwhile, thousands of veterans like Galen Armantrout of Lafayette, Ind., a disabled WWII veteran, must pay the price.

On Aug. 7, 1990, Armantrout had a medical emergency and was admitted to a private hospital. Because he was eligible for VA care, he asked his nurse to get VA authorization for his emergency treatment. He says she obtained the authorization, but VA denied receiving the request and did not reimburse the hospital for Armantrout's care, according to John Hickey, American Legion Department Service Officer.

ARMANTROUT filed a claim and what followed was a comedy of errors that certainly didn't leave him laughing. The VA Medical Center at Indianapolis lost his claim and all his paperwork no fewer than four times. They lost his medical bills three times. Then they lost his appeal papers and wouldn't grant him a personal hearing until prodded by Hickey.

As of June 1994, Galen Armantrout still didn't have his claim settled by the VARO after waiting 46 months.

Many veterans report waiting as long as two years. Legion DSOs report that some disability claims sit at VAROs for as long as six months before the claims process even begins.

Are the errors and delays in Armantrout's case and other cases the results of overwork, incompetence or, as many in the veterans community believe, stonewalling and not telling the full story? Certainly, there are financial benefits to VA when claims are delayed: VA doesn't have to pay the costs of treating those veterans; it doesn't have to write disability checks.

And then there are the retroactive rules regarding what VA calls the accrued benefit period. If a claim is approved, VA has to pay benefits from the day the claim was first filed, regardless of how long it took VA to okay it.

However, if the veteran dies before a claim is approved, VA has to pay the surviving spouse for only one year of

benefits. Given the number of claims by ailing veterans working their way through the system, and the time it takes VA to process them, that's millions of dollars VA will not have to pay out.

The American Legion has called for changing the law to allow survivors to receive full retroactive benefits from the date the veteran originally filed.

VA further revealed the extent of its administrative problems when it failed to meet its own timetable to speed up claims processing.

As part of a deal with Congress for new computer equipment, VA Secretary Brown signed a timetable agreement in June 1993 with the Office of Management and Budget. By Sept. 30, 1994, the processing time for one of VA's main claim categories, original compensation claims, was supposed to be reduced from 181 days to 176 days. Instead, VA's processing time has gone up. By March, it had reached 200 days.

As a result, Michigan Rep. John Conyers Jr. is calling for a Government Accounting Office investigation to determine why VA's new computer system has not improved claims processing time.

"The American Legion has a vested interest in VA's success," said National Commander Bruce Thiesen. "It is not in our or the veteran's best interest to bash VA. At the same time, we would be remiss if we did not report on the current problems within VA."

"VA must realize it can no longer do business as usual. I commend Secretary Brown and Chairman Cragin for their quick action in calling for a criminal investigation."

"The American Legion is dedicated to working with VA and Congress so that together we can achieve positive reforms within the system," Thiesen said. "America's veterans deserve nothing less." □

COMRADES IN DISTRESS

Readers who can help these veterans are urged to write a witness letter, including the CID number. Send the letters to CID, The American Legion Magazine, Box 1055, Indianapolis IN 46206.

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Byrd, in private practice today in Boulder, Colo., says he has done no follow-up study to try to reproduce his results. The results, however, caused a stir in medical circles when they first appeared in the *Southern Medical Journal*. One physician at the time wrote, "Maybe we doctors ought to be writing on our order sheets, 'Pray three times a day.'"

In Gallup polls conducted over the past 40 years, some 90 percent of those surveyed said they pray. Desert Storm pilots often insisted that chaplains offer prayers for protection and good judgment before they flew missions, according to Chaplain (Col.) Lorraine K. Potter, chief of plans and programs for the Air Force Chief of Chaplains.

Maybe there are no atheists in foxholes, but military chaplains are accustomed to meeting avowed nonbelievers in the service. Among Vietnam veterans particularly, "God oftentimes took the rap for the war," according to Father Philip Salois, a Catholic priest who is chief of the Chaplain Service at the Brocton/West Roxbury VA Medical Center.

Salois, who is the Department Chaplain of the Massachusetts American Legion, is the president and founder of the National Conference of Vietnam Veteran Ministers — an interfaith group of priests and ministers who served in Vietnam during the war as chaplains or soldiers.

"God got blamed for allowing so much death and destruction and loss of life," says Salois. So in his hospital work with Vietnam veterans, he's careful never to turn preachy or to thump the Bible, not even the big old one he bought from a Vietnamese salesman.

"First, I've had to establish credibility as a combat veteran," he says. That wasn't too difficult, once the veterans learned Salois had received a Silver Star in Vietnam while serving with the 199th Light Inf. Brigade in 1969-70.

His unit had walked into an ambush in War Zone D, a triple-canopy jungle area 65 miles northwest of Saigon. Six of the men got separated deep in the pocket of the ambush. Salois decided instantly to try to get them out.

"I remember thinking to myself, hell, if I was out there I'd want someone to help me back to safety," Salois says. "And I said, 'God, if you get me out of this mess safe and sound, I'll do anything you want.'"

Salois and a friend, Pfc. Herb W. Klug from Dayton, Ohio, ran to a boulder to set up diversionary fire, enabling four of the six trapped men to escape. Klug was killed. Salois was one of just seven men in the platoon who came out of the incident without injury.

Today, fulfilling the promise to God he made in 1970, Salois fights a war against illness and disease, with the belief that God is at his side. In one recent case, he was called to the hospital entrance to help deal with an alcoholic veteran who was threatening to punch anyone who came near him. The man knew of Salois' military record and calmed down when he saw the chaplain approaching him.

THE man walked quietly to the emergency room and entered a drying-out process at the hospital. During the treatment period, Salois prayed with him and for him. When the patient left the hospital, he returned to an Alcoholics Anonymous program and stopped drinking. Last June, dry for two years, he got married — in a service conducted by Salois.

Despite the scientific studies of such cases in recent years, no one is certain why praying seems to help and heal. McSherry, an adjunct professor at Dartmouth Medical School, believes that chaplain visits are soothing and reduce stress hormones. A chaplain can supplement the support a patient gets from family members. Other experts are convinced the practice of religion encourages healthy behaviors.

But does God heal?

McSherry pauses a long time before answering. "None of us can order up God to do certain things," she says. "We just request. Obviously we're in a world where people are going to die regardless of the religious qualities of the people who care for them." But McSherry also says, "None of us scientists has any way of saying that there is not a component of providential intervention."

Chaplain Fassett is less uncertain about God's role in healing. "God is always at work," he says. □

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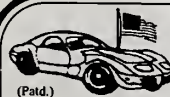
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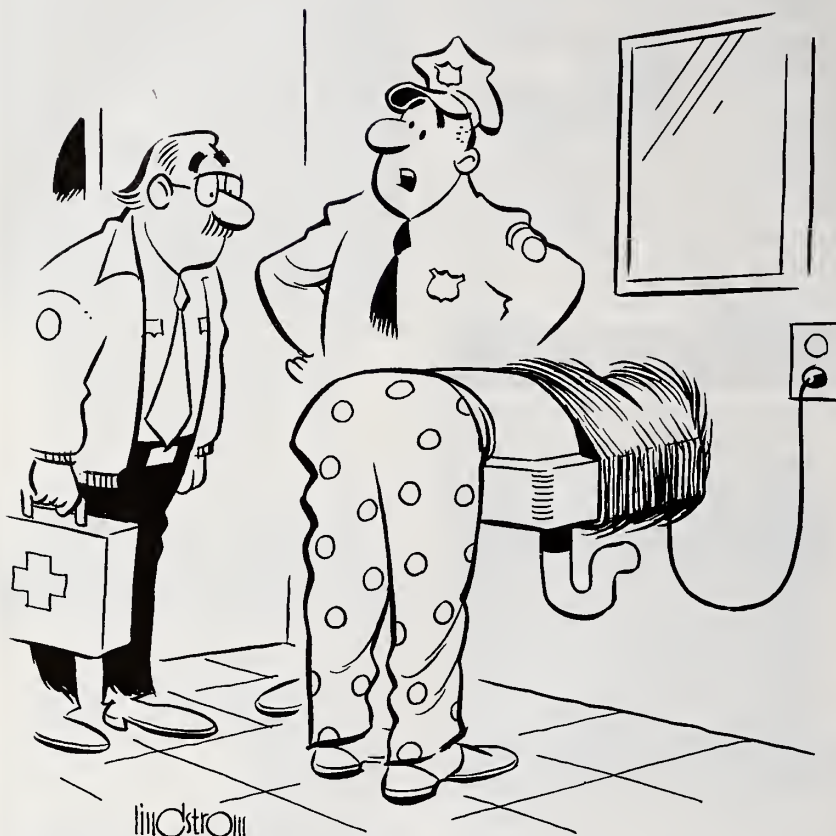
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